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Serial stabbings suspect ordered held without bond



Elias Abuelazam is escorted by authorities after arriving in Flint, Mich., Thursday, Aug. 26, 2010.

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By COREY WILLIAMS,
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FLINT, Mich. — A man suspected in 18 attacks in three states, including five fatal stabbings, was ordered held without bond Thursday in one of the cases after being extradited to Michigan.

Elias Abuelazam, 33, was arraigned by video in a Flint court on a charge of assault with intent to murder in connection with a July 27 stabbing of a 26-year-old Flint man. Genesee County Prosecutor David Leyton said he expects to file homicide and attempted homicide charges in other cases soon. Prosecutors asked for a \$10 million bond, citing the severity of the attacks and concern that Abuelazam is a flight risk, and the defense deferred to the judge to set the bail. Judge Nathaniel Perry III then ordered him held without bond.

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Pakistani Taliban hint at attacks on aid workers

Pakistanis displaced by flooding sit outside tents at a temporary camp operated by the Pakistan Army, in Sukkar, Sindh province, southern Pakistan, Thursday, Aug. 26, 2010.

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Former Republican chairman says he's gay



FILE - In this May 4, 2006, file photo, Ken Mehlman, then-chairman of the Republican National Committee, addresses the RNC state chairmen's meeting in Colorado Springs, Colo. Mehlman says in a magazine interview that he is gay. Mehlman, who was campaign manager for President George W. Bush in 2004, told *The Atlantic* that he came to the conclusion he is gay recently and wanted to talk about it publicly because he wants to become an advocate for gay marriage.

(AP Photo/Ed Andrieski, File)



Former Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich talks with Jon Stewart during an appearance on Comedy Central's 'The Daily Show with Jon Stewart' Monday, Aug. 23, 2010 in New York.

(AP Photo/Jason DeCrow)

WASHINGTON — Former Republican Party Chairman Ken Mehlman says in a magazine interview that he is gay.

Mehlman, who was campaign manager for President George W. Bush in 2004 and then RNC chairman after Bush's re-election, told *The Atlantic* in an interview published online Wednesday that he came to the conclusion he is gay recently and wanted to talk about it publicly because he wants to become an advocate for gay marriage. He also thought questions would arise when he participates in an upcoming fundraiser for the group challenging California's ballot measure opposing those marriages.

"It's taken me 43 years to get comfortable with that part of my life," said Mehlman, now an executive vice president with KKR, a New York City-based private equity firm. "Everybody has their own path to travel, their own journey, and for me, over the past few months, I've told my

family, friends, former colleagues and current colleagues and they've been wonderful and supportive.

The process has been something that has made me a happier and better person. It's something I wish I had done years ago."

Mehlman's leadership positions with the Republican Party came at a time when some in the party were working to put anti-gay ballot measures before the public in several states. He has said he tried to convince Republican officials privately not to attack gay marriage, *The Atlantic* reported. He also said that, as a solitary Republican, he could not go against the party consensus.

Mehlman, who has never married, said he wishes he had tried to expand the GOP's outreach to the gay community and worked openly against political initiatives opposing gay marriage. □

Rod Blagojevich headed for retrial in early 2011

By **MICHAEL TARM**,
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CHICAGO — Former Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich is set to go back on trial in early January, but he will stand alone as a defendant this time after prosecutors dismissed all corruption charges against his brother on Thursday.

U.S. District Court Judge James Zagel said Rod Blagojevich's retrial will start the week of Jan. 4, but he did not set a specific date. Jurors deadlocked last week on all but one of 23 charges against the former governor and four charges against his brother.

The lawyer for Robert Blagojevich delivered the surprise news about the charges being dismissed to his client in a brief phone call moments after the hearing. The attorney, Michael Ettinger, told the Nashville, Tenn., businessman, "You're free." He said Robert Blagojevich responded "Oh my god, you're kidding!"

Federal prosecutors said their decision was based on Robert Blagojevich's less central role in alleged schemes to sell or trade an appointment to President Barack Obama's old Senate seat and to pressure people for campaign donations. Some jurors said the panel was close to acquitting Robert. A

few said they did not want to see him retried.

The brothers have denied any wrongdoing.

Ettinger said Robert Blagojevich does not intend to testify against his brother. He said he would have to obey any subpoena, but that he could invoke the 5th amendment to avoid self incrimination.

Robert Blagojevich worked as his brother's campaign manager for only four months in 2008. The Republican had been a successful banker and retired Army officer living in Nashville with his wife, but said he went to work for the Democratic governor out of a sense of brotherly love and family solidarity.

Testifying at the trial, he denied allegations that he helped his brother scheme to benefit from his public office. Another witness, noting Robert's relative lack of importance in the campaign, said his desk was the corner of a conference table facing a sink.

For the retrial, Zagel said he probably won't allow the former governor more than two taxpayer-funded lawyers when the case begins anew. But the judge said he would be open to allowing more attorneys if they volunteered their time, or to allowing attorneys paid by a benefactor.

Rod Blagojevich says he's broke after his campaign fund was depleted by paying attorneys in his first trial. Zagel called for a detailed report about Blagojevich's financial status to help him make decisions about his representation. He said the source of any funding for Blagojevich's defense must be clear. In court, Blagojevich attorney Sheldon Sorosky argued that his client would need more than two attorneys. He said the half-dozen attorneys in the first trial were one reason the team was able to successfully battle against convictions on all but one charge of lying to the FBI.

"Instead of a slingshot, our David had his band of lawyers," Sorosky said. Zagel rejected the analogy. He said he'd never seen a defense table as crowded with attorneys and legal assistants as Blagojevich's was at the first trial.

"I thought it was the defendant that looked like Goliath and not the prosecution," he said. Another of the former governor's lawyers said after the hearing that no one has left the defense team, despite media reports. "We're going to meet with the governor and decide what is best for him," said attorney Sam Adam Sr. □

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Salmonella find links 2 Iowa egg farms to recall

By MARY CLARE JALONICK,

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Food and Drug Administration officials say they have found positive samples of salmonella that link two Iowa farms to a massive egg recall.

The officials said investigators found salmonella in chicken feed that was sold to both Wright County Egg and Hillandale Farms. They also found salmonella samples at Wright County Egg. More than 550 million eggs from the two farms were recalled this

month after they were linked to as many as 1,300 cases of salmonella poisoning.

Sherri McGarry of the FDA's Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition said the tests indicate that contaminated feed is a source of the outbreak but possibly not the only source. Also Thursday, the federal Centers for Disease Control said that there could now be as many as 1,470 illnesses linked to the outbreak.

The House Energy and Commerce Committee will hold hearings on the recall in September. □

This Wednesday Aug. 25, 2010 photo shows one of the chicken confinement sites operated by Wright County Egg in Galt, Iowa.

Wright Egg Farms and Hillandale Farms have recalled more than a half-billion eggs linked to as many as 1,300 cases of salmonella poisoning. Their hens are still laying millions of eggs every day.

Those eggs are being sent to facilities where their shells are broken and the contents pasteurized — a process that involves applying high heat without cooking the eggs.

(AP Photo/Ryan J. Foley)



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Earlier in the day, Abuelazam was escorted by two Michigan State Police sergeants and two troopers from an Atlanta jail.

Abuelazam arrived on a small Michigan-owned plane under tight security at a secluded runway far from the main terminal at Bishop International Airport in Flint around 12:15 p.m.. Wearing a bulletproof vest, leg irons and handcuffs, he walked about 30 yards across the tarmac and was whisked away in a police van to the Genesee County jail. He will be held there in solitary confinement, authorities said. Police vehicles and officers were positioned at the fences around the airport to keep spectators away, and a nearby hangar had been cleared out protectively, Michigan State Police Lt. Stephen Sipes said.

"If we had received any type of threats to this individual we would have pulled the plane into the hangar and closed the door," he said.

John Potbury, an assistant county prosecutor, said Abuelazam will be arraigned on the single count of assault with intent to commit murder. Brian Morley, Abuelazam's attorney, said he expected the arraignment to be done by video and that it would be "perfunctory."

"I expect nothing out of the ordinary," said

Morley, who said he hadn't yet met with his client but expected to do so hopefully before the arraignment.

The attacks started in late spring, and a pattern emerged after a dozen more men were stabbed between late June and early August. Survivors described the attacker as a big man wearing a baseball-style cap and feigning the need for car help or directions.

The description matched Abuelazam, who was arrested in Atlanta as he prepared to board a flight to Tel Aviv. He grew up northwest of the Israeli city in a small Arab Christian community in Ramle, where he had been a suspect in a screwdriver stabbing earlier this year.

In the U.S., Abuelazam is suspected in 14 attacks in and around Flint, three attacks in Virginia and one in Ohio. The victims were men aged 15 to 67. Most were black, but investigators don't know whether race was a motive.

On Aug. 11, investigators went to a market outside Flint where Abuelazam had worked for a month. A store video showed Abuelazam matched the description of the suspect. He had not been seen at work since Aug. 1, when he told people he was off to Virginia.

Using electronic records, investigators tracked Abuelazam to Atlanta's airport and arrested him at the boarding gate. □

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Obama Iraq speech to signal shift to Afghan focus



U.S. President Barack Obama greets a little boy as he arrives for lunch at Nancy's Restaurant in Martha's Vineyard in Oak Bluffs, Massachusetts, August 25, 2010. The first family is on a 10-day summer vacation.

By **MARK S. SMITH**,
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VINEYARD HAVEN, Mass. — With his Oval Office speech Tuesday night, President Barack Obama will signal a

shift in America's focus from the Iraq War to the war in Afghanistan, his spokesman said Thursday. Administration officials have portrayed the 8 p.m. EDT

speech as an important pivot point from a war that candidate Obama said should never have been fought to a conflict that President Obama sees as vital to the nation's security.

Previewing the speech as Obama vacationed on Martha's Vineyard, Deputy Press Secretary Bill Burton said Obama also wants to thank U.S. troops who've fought bravely in Iraq. With the formal U.S. combat mission at an end, troop strength in Iraq this week dropped below 50,000 for the first time since the 2003 U.S.-led invasion. Many of those troops will remain in a backup and training role.

Before his White House speech, Obama will fly to Fort Bliss in Texas on Tuesday to deliver his thanks in person to

troops returned from Iraq. Burton said the Oval Office address "commemorates an important milestone in American history." He said Obama will use the occasion to speak "directly with the American people about what our mission is in Afghanistan (and) the fact that more of our efforts and focus are now on fighting al-Qaida in Afghanistan."

Iraq — now America's second-longest war after Afghanistan — has long been a partisan flashpoint, and the run-up to the fall congressional campaign continued the pattern. Senate GOP leader Mitch McConnell said Obama had essentially adopted George W. Bush's strategy for gradually winding down the conflict.

McConnell said "the president (Obama) should be commended for ignoring his own campaign rhetoric." While hailing Obama's Iraq drawdown, Burton denounced militants behind recent attacks on Iraqi security forces there. On Wednesday, a series of bombings and shootings left at least 56 dead. "The reason for these attacks is people who don't want Iraq to flourish as a democracy," the spokesman said. "There are people who are trying to use fear and terror as a tactic to slow down what is not stoppable in that country." Burton said Obama is confident the transition to Iraqi control "has been a successful one" and Iraqis are now capable of maintaining their own security.



This Aug. 18, 2010 photo shows Michigan Republican Party Chairman Ron Weiser, in Lansing, Mich. Weiser talks enthusiastically about welcoming tea party supporters into the GOP, but he wasn't planning to give them his seat at the state convention. Michigan tea party supporters flocked to Republican party meetings across the state this month and won several hundred delegate seats for the Aug. 28 state convention, including Weiser's.

(AP Photo/Al Goldis)

Michigan tea partiers launch surprise push

By **KATHY BARKS HOFFMAN**,
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LANSING, Mich. — Michigan Republican Party Chairman Ron Weiser talks enthusiastically about welcoming tea party supporters into the GOP, but he wasn't planning to give them his seat at the state convention.

Michigan tea party supporters flocked to Republican party meetings across the state this month and won several hundred delegate seats for the Saturday state convention, including Weiser's. Now, the activists are positioned for an attempt to push the Michigan GOP further to the right and put hard-core conservatives on November's general election ballot.

The tea party's bid to capitalize on its delegate coup, which caught veteran Republican activists by surprise, is an important test for a national movement seeking concrete political impact. The movement has racked up several big wins in Senate primaries in Kentucky, Utah, Nevada and Colorado this year, and is on the brink of prevailing in Alaska. But it's also suffered a few notable losses — the latest came Tuesday, when former Rep. J.D. Hayworth lost to Sen. John McCain in Arizona.

Tea party supporters also have won GOP delegate seats or other party roles in Maine, Idaho, Illinois and several other states in recent months. But their potential impact could be the greatest in Michigan because the convention chooses the Republican nominees for secretary of state, attorney general, education boards and the Michigan Supreme Court.

The party's moderate choice for governor, business executive Rick Snyder, picked well-regarded conservative state Rep. Brian Calley as his running mate Wednesday to avoid running into difficulty getting his lieutenant governor choice ratified by tea partiers.

Efforts to press other tea party causes, such as draconian cuts in government, could also produce a collision with moderate Republicans who have held sway despite growing conservative strength in the state. GOP leaders are worried that a rebuff of tea party followers could sap their support for GOP candidates in the closely fought general election campaign.

Although there is no precise count of the delegates affiliated with Michigan's approximately 50 active tea party groups, they could amount to a fifth or more of the nearly 2,100 party activists who will vote at the East Lansing meeting.

Tea party leaders plan to hold their own pre-convention caucus meeting Friday night. They say they can leverage their strength by coordinating efforts, as they did in seizing the delegate slots.

"This is about wrestling with the very devil himself, if we have to, for the soul of the Republican Party," said Dennis Moore, a "way underemployed" drywall contractor who leads the Willow Run Tea Party Caucus in Ypsilanti, a working class city about 30 miles southwest of Detroit.

Some GOP activists don't know what to expect at the meeting, which is normally staid and consensus-oriented.

Suspect in deadly NY shooting pleads not guilty

By **BEN DOBBIN**,
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BUFFALO, N.Y. — A 23-year-old man pleaded not guilty Thursday to murder charges in a shooting outside a downtown Buffalo bar that killed four people, including a Texas man celebrating his wedding anniversary. Riccardo McCray, of Buffalo, appeared in city court Thursday morning, solemn and surrounded by a dozen police officers and guards. The plea was entered on his behalf. No bail was set. McCray turned himself in at a TV studio Wednesday afternoon, and police charged him with four counts of second-degree murder. He was accused of opening fire on a crowd outside the City Grill around 2:30 a.m. Aug. 14. Four people were killed and four others wounded. Three of the injured have been released from the hospital while the fourth remains in critical condition. Prosecutor James Bargnesi on Thursday declined to provide a possible motive or offer any details about the case, except to say that it was headed to a grand jury.

“We expect this to be a continuously evolving investigation,” Bargnesi said. The restaurant’s managers, reacting to a dispute, had decided to close early on the morning of Aug. 14 and told patrons to leave. One witness said about 200 people crowded onto the sidewalk, some trying to quell a shoving match in a parking lot. Some of the victims were part of a group that had been attending a party at the restaurant that was a prelude to an anniversary celebration for 30-year-old Danyell Mackin and his wife of one year, Tanisha. The two were originally from Buffalo and lived in Austin, Texas. She was not injured. Also killed were Tiffany Wilhite, 32; Shawntia McNeil, 27; and Willie McCaa, 26. A parolee who is a friend of one of the injured was arrested within hours of the shootings. He was charged with four counts of murder, but the charges were dismissed the next day after witnesses told

police they had the wrong man. At a news conference Wednesday evening, police Commissioner Daniel Derenda said McCray was the only suspect and “we believe we have a very solid case.” He asked that the media not publish pictures of the suspect and said he couldn’t comment on McCray’s background or other aspects of the investigation. In May 2009, McCray was

arrested on charges of having a loaded rifle in his car. □

Defense attorney Terrence McKelvey, center, talks with Judge Thomas Amodeo, left, and assistant prosecutor James Bargnesi, right, as they enter court for an arraignment for Riccardo McCray in Buffalo City Court in Buffalo, N.Y., Thursday, Aug. 26, 2010. McCray was charged with four counts of second-degree murder.
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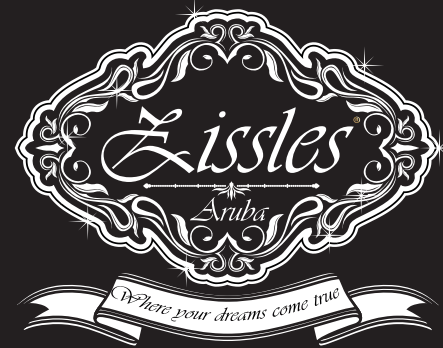
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Pakistani Taliban hint at attacks on aid workers



A Pakistani boy carries a copy of the Quran, after retrieving it from the remnants of a house that collapsed in heavy floods in Nowshera, Pakistan, Thursday, Aug. 26, 2010. The Taliban hinted Thursday they may launch attacks against foreigners helping Pakistan respond to the worst floods in the country's history, saying their presence was "unacceptable." The U.N. said it would not be deterred by violent threats.

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MIR ALI, Pakistan (AP) — The Taliban hinted Thursday they may launch attacks against foreigners helping Pakistan respond to the worst floods in the country's history, saying their presence was "unacceptable." The U.N. said it would not be deterred by violent threats.

The militant group has attacked aid workers in the country before, and an outbreak of violence could complicate a relief effort that has already struggled to reach the 8 million people who are in need of emergency assistance. Pakistani Taliban spokesman Azam Tariq claimed the U.S. and other countries that have pledged support are not really focused on providing aid to flood victims but had other motives he did not specify.

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"Behind the scenes they have certain intentions, but on the face they are talking of relief and help," Tariq told The Associated Press by telephone from an undisclosed location. "No relief is reaching the affected people, and when the victims are not receiving help, then this horde of foreigners is not acceptable to us at all." He strongly hinted that the militants could resort to violence, saying "when we say something is unacceptable to us, one can draw one's own conclusion."

U.N. humanitarian chief John Holmes said the U.N. remained committed to helping flood victims in Pakistan.

"We will obviously take these threats seriously as we did before, and take appropriate precautions, but we will not be deterred from doing what we believe we need to do

which is help the people of Pakistan ... who have been affected by the flood," he told a news conference at U.N. headquarters in New York.

Holmes noted that the Pakistani Taliban carried out a suicide attack against the office of the U.N.'s World Food Program in Islamabad last October, killing five staffers, and in March, militants attacked the offices of World Vision, a U.S.-based Christian aid group helping earthquake survivors in northwestern Pakistan, killing six Pakistani employees.

He said U.N. security experts will be working with U.N. agencies and international organizations "to assess what the risks are and to minimize them."

U.S. State Department spokesman P.J. Crowley said Washington is also taking the threat of attacks by militants seriously.

"We have information of the potential targeting of foreign relief workers in Pakistan, as well as government ministries," Crowley told reporters in Washington, adding, "It just underscores the bankrupt vision that these extremists have and we are conscious of that threat."

According to the United Nations, almost 17.2 million people have been significantly affected by the floods and about 1.2 million homes have been destroyed or badly damaged.

Holmes said U.N. agencies have reached almost 2 million Pakistanis with emergency food supplies and an estimated 2.5 million with clean drinking water. He said medical

treatment has been provided to about 3 million people and more than 115,000 tents and 77,000 tarpaulins have been distributed.

About 70 percent of the \$460 million initially sought by the U.N. and its humanitarian partners for flood relief — some \$325 million — has either been contributed or pledged so far by foreign donors, while an additional \$600 million has been provided or promised outside the appeal, he said.

"We're approaching \$1 billion with funds offered or already contributed inside and outside the appeal for this crisis," Holmes said. "That's a reasonable response, but we certainly need more."

The floods began almost a month ago with the onset of the monsoon and have ravaged a massive swath of Pakistan, from the mountainous north to its agricultural heartland.

The U.S. military has also stepped in to help, flying helicopters that have evacuated flood victims and delivered relief supplies in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, the northwest province that was hit hardest by the floods.

It is unclear how many foreigners are operating on the ground in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, which borders Pakistan's semiautonomous tribal area where the Pakistani Taliban are strongest. Many aid organizations involved in the relief effort have been in Pakistan for years and use networks of locals in the most dangerous areas.

The United Nations said Thursday that the group won't let violent threats deter its

relief effort.

"There is a lot of work ahead and millions of people who need our assistance," said Maurizio Giulano, spokesman for the U.N.'s Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs which Holmes heads. "We would find it inhumane for someone to target us and our work, effectively harming the millions of people whose lives we strive to save."

The Pakistani Taliban carried out a suicide attack against the office of the U.N.'s World Food Program in Islamabad last October, killing five staffers. In March, militants armed with assault rifles and a homemade bomb attacked the offices of a U.S.-based Christian aid group helping earthquake survivors in northwestern Pakistan, killing six Pakistani employees.

Violence has been relatively low in the country since the floods hit, but three bomb attacks in northwestern Pakistan on Monday killed at least 36 people.

While increased Taliban attacks would complicate the flood relief effort, the group could also risk backlash from the millions of victims who have lost everything and are desperate to receive food and shelter. The death toll in the floods stands around 1,500 people, but the disaster ranks as one of Pakistan's worst ever because of the scale and massive economic damage, especially to the country's vital agricultural sector. The U.N. said earlier this week that some 800,000 people are still cut off by the floods and accessible only by air. □

Palestinians riot in east Jerusalem neighborhood

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JERUSALEM (AP) — Palestinian residents in east Jerusalem threw rocks at police and settlers and set cars on fire in an ongoing dispute over a contested neighborhood Thursday. Police spokesman Micky Rosenfeld said the early morning clashes in Silwan neighborhood erupted due to a disagreement over a pathway claimed by both Jewish and Arab families. He said an Israeli court ruled in 2000 that the pathway belongs to a Jewish family. Palestinian residents, however, say the clash erupted after settlers were seen trying to break into a local mosque.

About 50,000 Palestinians and 70 Jewish families live

in Silwan and tensions are high in the neighborhood over a municipal plan that includes the slated demolition of Palestinian homes.

There have been recent clashes.

The pathway leads to an ancient underground spring that some Jews use as a ritual bath to cleanse themselves before morning prayers.

There is a mosque near the spring's entrance.

Silwan resident Ahmed Qaraein told The Associated Press that residents saw four settlers trying to enter the mosque compound. He said he yelled at the settlers and they ran to a nearby house.

Palestinian residents then threw rocks at the house and settlers responded with



Israeli border policemen walk next to burned cars during clashes in the neighborhood of Silwan in east Jerusalem, Thursday Aug. 26, 2010. Israeli police say Palestinians have thrown stones at police and set cars on fire in east Jerusalem. Tensions have been high in the neighborhood over a municipal plan that includes the slated demolition of Palestinian homes.

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warning shots, Qaraein said.

Rosenfeld denied anyone tried to enter the mosque.

Israel captured and annexed

east Jerusalem in the 1967 Mideast war. Israel considers the sector part of its capital. That claim is not recognized internationally.

The fate of east Jerusalem figures to play a central role in Israeli-Palestinian peace talks set to resume next week. □

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21 suspected militants go on trial in Indonesia

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JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — Twenty-one suspected Islamist militants went on trial Thursday on charges of plotting attacks on foreign aid workers and others in Indonesia's Aceh province following a deadly tsunami.

The defendants, who appeared in eight separate trials at the West Jakarta District Court, are among more than 100 suspects who have been rounded up or killed after the discovery of a new terror cell in February.

Prosecutors said the defendants set up a military training camp in Aceh to prepare to fight "infidels." "Their targets were foreign workers," said Feritas, who represents the state in several of the cases. He said the

men believed relief workers who poured into the region after the 2004 tsunami were guilty of proselytizing.

"They also think Americans, Britons and Australians support and help Israel kill Muslims in many countries," he said.

All of the defendants, who have not yet entered pleas, are accused of violating the anti-terror law, for which they can face up to 20 years in jail.

Oman Rochman, a 38-year-old defendant, said they committed no crime with the training.

"It was not intended for any action at home," he told reporters after the hearing. "We were preparing ourselves to defend our Palestinian brothers, and that is our obligation as Muslims."

Indonesia, a secular nation

with the world's largest population of Muslims, has been hit by a string of terror attacks in recent years blamed on al-Qaida-linked militants. Most people in the country of 237 million practice a moderate form of the faith, but Aceh is known for its strict enforcement of Islamic values.

That was one of the reasons the province was chosen as a base for the new cell named "al-Qaida in Aceh," terror experts say. The cell reportedly consists of militants from several different regional terror networks, including Jemaah Islamiyah.

Feritas, who like many Indonesians uses only one name, said the suspects planned to kill aid workers and attack churches, U.N. offices and all other Western symbols.



Militant suspects sit inside holding cell before the start of their trials at West Jakarta District Court in Jakarta, Indonesia, Thursday, Aug. 26, 2010. Dozens of alleged Islamist militants went on trial Thursday accused of plotting deadly attacks on foreign aid workers and tourists in Indonesia's tsunami-wracked province of Aceh.

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One of the men facing trial is accused of shooting and injuring Erhard Bauer, a German Red Cross worker, in Aceh last year. He is also accused of throwing grenades at a U.N. Children's Fund office. No one was injured in that attack.

Indonesia straddles a series of fault lines that make the vast island nation prone to volcanic and seismic activity.

The giant quake that triggered the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami killed 230,000 people, half of them in Aceh. □

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Suriname president falls ill, cedes power to No. 2

PARAMARIBO, Suriname (AP) — Suriname's newly elected president, former dictator Desi Bouterse, is ailing from an undisclosed illness and has temporarily ceded power to his vice president in the South American country.

Vice President Robert Ameerali announced Thursday in Parliament that he will be in charge until Sept. 2 while Bouterse rests at home.

He refused to disclose more specifics about the illness, saying only that the 64-year-old president "is doing well and no one needs to worry." A terse statement from the Cabinet said just that Bouterse is "sick."

Bouterse has not been seen much since his swearing-in ceremony earlier this month. An Aug. 17 Cabinet meeting in Paramaribo was his last public appearance.

Speculation in Paramaribo is widespread that Bouterse has fallen ill from dengue fever, a potentially serious mosquito-borne virus that is reaching epidemic stages across the region.

Bouterse is a former coup leader, convicted drug trafficker and accused murderer in Suriname. The two-time dictator's past had made his election last month by Parliament uncomfortable for the international community.

In May general elections, Bouterse's party captured 40 percent of the vote and 23 seats in parliament with a populist campaign that featured pledges to build more houses and increase social security spending. He was elected president in a parliamentary vote that came after months of jostling among Suriname's many political factions.

He first rose to power in 1980, when he led a coup that saw the constitution suspended and Parliament dissolved just five years after independence from Dutch rule.

Under international pressure, Bouterse allowed the return of civilian rule in 1987, only to launch a second coup in 1990. Even after stepping down as army chief in 1992, he remained a powerful force.

Convicted of drug trafficking in absentia in 1999 in the Netherlands, Bouterse was sentenced to 11 years in prison. But he avoided that punishment because Suriname doesn't have an extradition treaty with its former colonial ruler, and now he enjoys immunity as head of state during his five-year term.

Bouterse also faces a long-delayed trial in Suriname for his alleged role in



Suriname's President Desi Bouterse, left, and his Vice-President Robert Ameerali, right, attend a military parade after their swearing in ceremony in Paramaribo, Suriname, Thursday, Aug. 12, 2010. Bouterse, a former coup leader, convicted drug trafficker and accused murderer is on trial for his alleged role in the abduction and summary execution of fifteen suspected enemies of his military regime in Dec. 1982. No foreign heads of state attended the inauguration.

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the execution of political opponents without trial in 1982.

During his inauguration earlier this month, Bouterse pledged to fight corruption

and help impoverished communities in the vast rain forest hinterland. He also said he would further distance the former Dutch colony from the Netherlands. □



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Paseo Herencia presents Kids Bike Tour

NOORD - Paseo Herencia is ready for its first Kids Bike Tour.

The Bike Tour is dedicated to the young Shanayah Howell whom has accomplished the title of BMX world champion at a very young age. This event will take place on Sunday, August 29th starting at 4 pm. The route is starting from Paseo Herencia towards L.G.Smith Blvd to the traffic crossing of The Mill Resort; make a right turn on J.E.Yrausquin Blvd in front of the High Rise Hotels and finishing back at Paseo Herencia. On their return back at Paseo Herencia more or less at 6 pm a clown show and a surprise for the young world champion Shanayah Howell will take place.

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Future Aruba bird species at stake.

Petition to Government for a national Boa constrictor control program



ORANJESTAD - On Wednesday, August 25, 2010, Greg Peterson of Aruba Birdlife Conservation and Diego Marquez, ecologist at Aruba's National Arikok Park visited Ministers Sevinger and Oduber, who are both responsible for environment and nature affairs of Aruba. The Ministers were requested to give their cooperation to a national Boa constrictor control program.

From 1999 to 2003 Park Rangers caught 273 Boas in Aruba. From 2004 to 2006 they caught 941 boas on the island. And from 2007 to 2009 they caught no less than 1781 boas in Aruba's nature. The increase in boa numbers over the years is alarming. The caught boas were euthanized with assistance of the Veterinary Department. To illustrate the impact the boas are having on Aruba's birdlife, Peterson and Marquez created a simplified and preliminary calculation.

Based on the number of boas caught by the Rangers, they estimate that a minimum of 2000 boas are actually present in Aruba's nature. A careful estimate of a boa having a meal every two weeks would lead to 26 meals per boa per year. Research shows that boa meals in Aruba consist of

1/3 birds – 1/3 reptiles – 1/3 mammals. Through this model it can be estimated that boas in the wild consume, at present numbers, $(2000 \times 26 \times 1/3 =)$ 17.333 birds a year in Aruba. The model illustrates that the same number of reptiles and mammals are consumed per year as well. If we take Aruba's size into consideration, then the 'Guam scenario' is the most likely outcome if action is not taken promptly.

In Guam the Brown Tree Snake was introduced 30 years ago unintentionally. At present no less than 8 endemic bird species are extinct, besides other species of fauna. The Boa constrictor, on the other hand, was first registered in the wild in Aruba in April of 1999, but it breeds in larger numbers than the Brown Tree Snake. This means that it will not take 30 years to reach a similar scenario, but it will go much faster. Aruba Birdlife Conservation is convinced that an Aruba without a Troupial, Prikichi, Patrishi or Shoco, four of Aruba's beloved bird species of which 2 are endemic, is not an acceptable future scenario.

Eradication of the boa is the most desired outcome, but most likely not achievable.

So the only remaining attainable strategy is to develop and implement a 'control program' aimed at structurally, year in, year out, keeping the Boa's numbers as low as possible. To be able to monitor if the control program is effective enough, a yearly national bird count will be required.

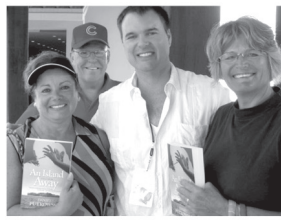
Peterson and Marquez proposed to the Ministers to involve the entire community in the implementation of the Boa constrictor control program. In time, the entire population will have to learn to deal with the invasive Boa infestation as in any regular pest cases around one's home. The Ministers showed their understanding and shared their concerns about the serious implications of the increasing numbers of boas in Aruba's wildlife and committed to appointing government officials as soon as possible to analyze the proposition and to advise them on how best to proceed.

In the photograph:

Ministers Sevinger and Oduber receive a photo composition from Marquez and Peterson depicting how the Troupial and the Prikichi are ambushed by the Boa constrictor. □



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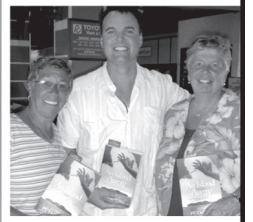
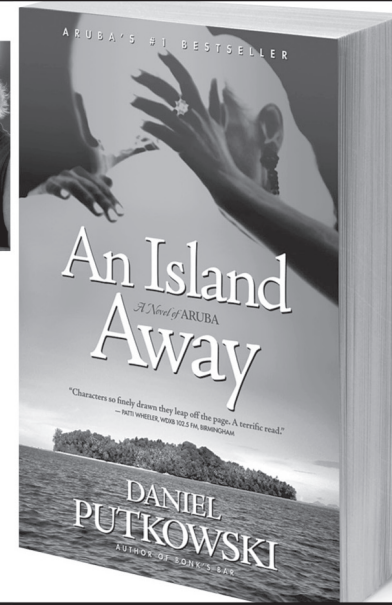
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In this competition he reaches the finals with his skillful "speed & accuracy." From 1993 to 1997, Joe Cabassa was part of the trainers' team of the renowned International restaurant Hard Rock Café (HRC). In the course of his duties he successfully trained dozens of Bartenders, Servers and bar managers in spirits and beverage knowledge, bar management and the art of mixing cocktails in San Juan, Puerto Rico; Buenos Aires, Argentina and St. Tomas, USVI.

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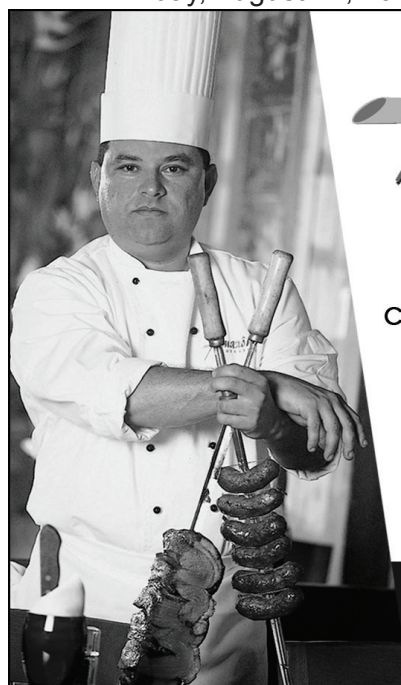
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ORANJESTAD - The brothers from New Jersey were walking down the pier at the down

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While cruising the blue waters around Aruba they didn't have to wait long for their first catch. The first of six giant Wahoo's was pulled aboard after a little struggle and they all knew that it would be the first of many to catch. At the end of the day, after having an exciting fishing adventure, they proudly counted their catch with a huge smile: six Wahoo's! After posing on camera, they went back to their hotel and invited



their spouses for dinner at Driftwood Restaurant. Of course they knew what was on the menu; their freshly caught Wahoo's! "It was absolutely the highlight of our trip down to Aruba. The fishing was great and dinner was even better. Next year we are going to break this record. We might catch eight next time,"

Steward Johnson said with a smile from ear to ear. The staff at Driftwood Fishing Charters and Driftwood Restaurant will be welcoming them for sure. The Johnson's have now experienced what Driftwood has been telling all along... At Driftwood they serve the fish from the pier to your plate! It won't get better than that! □

Super offer for Cas di Glas from Sazon Cubano band



ORANJESTAD - A meeting for the upcoming Caribbean Sea Jazz Festival with lead singer Shurby Mariah of the band Sazon Cubano led to a great opportunity for the Cas di Glas happening, which is held from September 29 to October 3. It went like this: Shurby was telling the story of his very popular band Ricochet, which was founded in 1992, playing popular Latin and other songs; they played night after night in the hotels and at parties and events. "We played every night, enjoying ourselves, our music and our popularity until our drummer died of cancer in 2008. Then the life went out of our 10-men band and we broke up. Now, the members of the band are back together, but in a different format, playing at events for fun, not full time anymore. We are now playing traditional Cuban music, back to the

roots-style; traditional songs and new compositions. We would love to come and play during the Cas di Glas event, in honor of our drummer and also because the Cas di Glas has such a wonderful good cause, the mobile breast cancer screening unit."

After talking to Shurby there was a meeting with the organizing team of the Cas di Glas event and Shurby's offer was enthusiastically received by Alex Ponson of Cool FM who is in charge of the line-up of international and local artists performing during the four-day long event. It was decided there and then that Shurby Mariah and his band will be playing their Cuban songs on Thursday, September 30th as a preview of their performance during the 4th Caribbean Sea Jazz Festival. Please mark this date on your agenda! □

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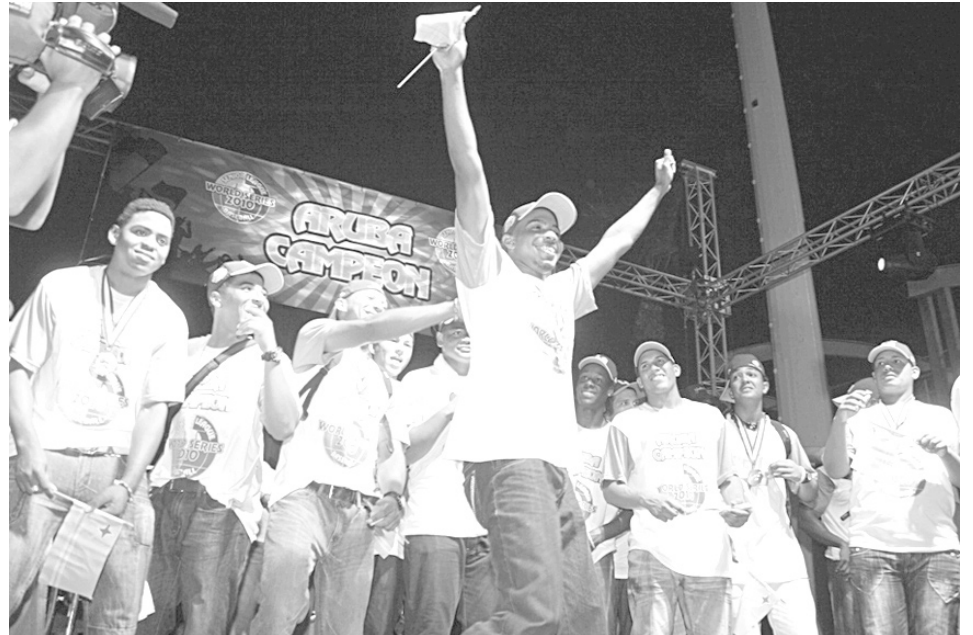
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Busters Honors "The Hospitality Industry" With "In The Biz" Night



PALM BEACH - Buster's Sports bar and Grill located at the South Beach Center, Palm Beach continues to show their appreciation for Aruba and its people.

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Busters will be kicking off the weekly event on Monday September 6 from 6pm to 8pm, and again from 10pm to 12am with a complimentary buffet, beer, wine, mixed house drinks, and music by their house DJ, cool FM's 101.

Any and all hospitality employees are welcome. Bring a valid employee ID, or ID and a business card showing you are IN THE BIZ for complimentary admission and receive a personal VIP Card good for future Monday after work "IN THE BIZ" happy hours. VIP Card entitles cardholder and up to 3 guests complimentary admissions, snacks, drink prices reduced from \$\$\$ to AFL, drink and shot specials.

BUSTERS DOESN'T STOP THERE. Thursday September 9th, 9pm to 11pm will be the kick off VIP party for "STUDENT NIGHT" Students 18 years and older show a valid student ID for free admission and personal



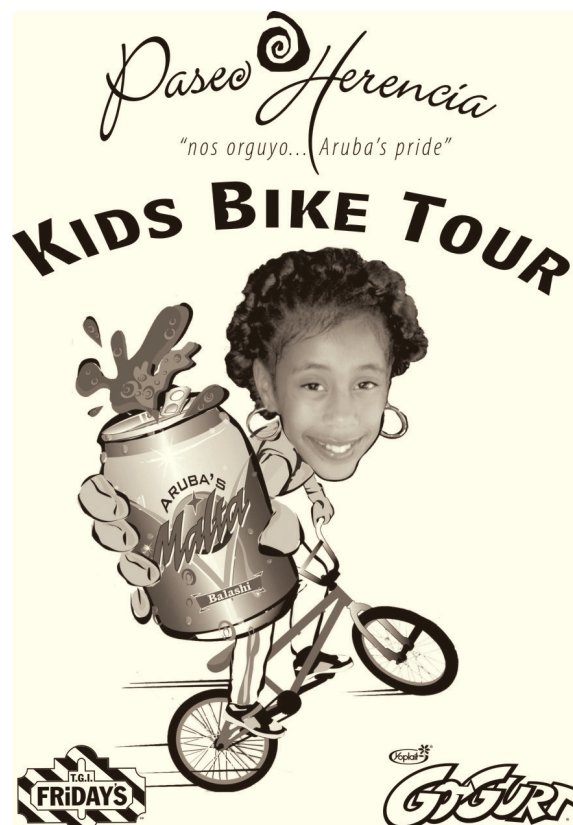
VIP Card. The kickoff party starts at 9pm with snacks, reduced drink prices, shot specials, beer pong, and music. The party will continue every Thursday from 9pm to closing.

Other upcoming Busters events include: "Yes We Can" food drop off 1st Friday of the month. Drop off non

perishable or canned food for the Aruba Food Pantry and receive a complimentary draft beer, wine, or soda. Sunday Football Tail Gate BBQ 10:30am to 12:30am pre-game drink and food specials on the deck. Tail gate N.Y. style and cheer on your favorite team. All games are shown in Hi-def on 25 screens. □



Paseo Herencia presents Kids Bike Tour



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A special thanks goes out the sponsors that made this event possible whom are Taste of Belgium, Aruba's Malta Balashi, Gogurt by Consales and FOFOTI Tours & Transfers. Paseo Herencia would like to remind all the participants to be on time with their bikes decorated in order to win "The Best Decorated Boy & Girl Bike" prize.

For those who already registered at Paseo Herencia t-shirt can be picked up at the parking cashier located in Paseo Herencia between 2 pm to 10 pm on Friday, August 27th and for those who registered with Maroushka Howell t-shirts can be picked up by contacting her at 6600357 / 5841194 or Alan Howell 5943659. Paseo Herencia would like to invite everyone to participate in the Kids Bike Tour in support and recognizing Shanayah Howell's achievements and title, another young Aruban athlete with World Champion title □

Responsible Fishing

ORANJESTAD - This topic will raise many questions and possibly some fears with some people. When you talk to some people about fishing or sea food, some people will tell you with a straight face that the sea is big and that "there is a lot of fish out there". Fishing is not only a tradition and custom in Aruba but it has been part of live since the first visitors arrived in Aruba some 4000 years ago. Providing fish and sea food for the local market is a necessity and this is also why fishermen are an integral part of this society. However, a study, which was done recently on Bonaire and Curaçao revealed some very interesting and also disturbing information regarding fishing and our marine resources. According to many international studies done, the world's fishing industry is in a crisis and if we

continue fishing at the current rate, by 2040 we will not have enough fish to cover the world demand. This is because we have been overfishing the oceans for the past fifty years. Based on the study done on the two other islands, a total of almost 350 fishermen were interviewed at length regarding their fishing practices and experiences. This was done at the cost of approximately 1,000 Heineken beers, but the conclusion was loud and clear. According to the fishermen, in the last three decades their catch has been reduced considerable, the size of the fish caught has also decreased and "it's not the same as it used to be". Based on the same study the majority of the fishermen estimate that it will take between 10-20 years before fishing cease to be a profession on these islands.

With an average catch of between 30-40 kilos or 60-80 lbs per day and declining, this is not going to remain a source of income for much longer. The problem is this. For centuries we have fished and depleted many of the fish stocks, some even to the brink of extinction. There is no replenishing program worldwide, which can or at least tries to restore on a large scale a percentage of what we consume. In Aruba the local fishermen have faced the same dilemma like their counterparts on the two other islands and if the fishermen in Aruba were to be interviewed, they will probably come up with the same conclusions. The big question is then, how much fishing can Aruba really continue to handle? The problem is this; there are too many people eating too many fish. How do we deal with this



problem? We must manage the people and not the fish or the marine environment. Fishing won't stop and threats are also not helping the situation. Coral reefs and fishing habitats face many threats including but not limited to: pollution, climate change, coastal development, water sport, scuba diving, and fishing. Reefs are becoming less healthy and there are fewer fish, so if we reduce the threats then reef health will improve and there will be more fish. Sounds very simple right? In Aruba there are several types of fishermen: Full-time fishermen, part-time fishermen, hobby or sport fishermen, tourist fishermen and immigrant fishermen. One of the main problems in Aruba is regulation and enforcement. Second is the perception and attitude the local person. In managing the people this can happen in a variety of ways but the first thing is the willingness of the people and the possibility of being open minded. Management options for fishing may have to include regulations, new laws and certain restrictions. Of course nobody wants to hear that, but this is the only way we will be able to do something about the current situation and that is by managing it. There are several options. Limit the number of fishermen. (Somehow this is not going to fly) Limit the number of fish caught per fishermen. Restrict the size of fish caught. Have fishing seasons and closed seasons. Ban the catch of certain species. Introduce no fishing zones. And regulation of the equipment used for fishing. This last option is the most feasible and as a matter of fact it has been

implemented already on fishing traps and spear guns. In order to have a sustainable fishing industry, there must be a balance between catching and replacing the stock. This is where we have a huge problem. We don't replace or offer options for the fish to reproduce. Fish don't stay in one place or area and reproduction is dependent on the fish not getting caught or the chance of reaching adulthood and reproduce. There are countries that are actively engaging in both fresh and salt water fish farming and despite the criticism fish farming is now a necessary option in terms of sustainable fishing practices. Regulation of fishing equipment can help in many ways because it can prevent mass destruction, unwanted catch and unfair fishing competition, which incidentally is one of the practices that would need some type of regulation also. Fishing tournaments or fishing competitions are traditionally done in Aruba, but these competitions are not beneficial to the fishing industry. By organizing competitions where the most amounts of fish caught or the most kilos or pounds in catch is the target, this works negatively for the fishing industry. In most cases any size of fish counts, which means that intermediate and juvenile fish of any type caught counts as part of the catch. So for fishing competitions the rules and regulations must be established regarding size and for game fish a tag and release system must guarantee that game fish caught during competitions or by deep sea fishing tour operators will be released back for reproduction.

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Value of NFL teams falls in tough economy

NEW YORK (AP) — The average value of NFL teams has fallen for the first time since Forbes magazine began keeping track in 1998.

The magazine released its annual ranking of NFL team values Wednesday, and found larger-market teams had weathered the rough economy far better than their smaller counterparts. Overall, the average value decreased 2 percent from last year to \$1.022 billion.

None of the top 12 franchises lost more than 3 percent of their value. The bottom six dropped by 5 percent to 16 percent.

“Just like housing, people never thought it would go down,” said Marc Ganis, president of Chicago-based consulting company Sports Corp. Ltd.

Not even the NFL is immune to the economic downturn, he said, but the league is still in better shape than many other businesses that have plummeted in value. Revenues aren’t a problem, but the NFL needs to get costs under control, he said.

“It’s still a very strong product,” he said. “It’s still a very strong asset people want to invest in.”

The Dallas Cowboys remained the league’s richest team, and widened the gap between themselves and the rest of the NFL. They’re now worth \$1.805 billion, their value increasing a league-best 9 percent.

On the other end of the spectrum was Jacksonville. The struggling Jaguars lost 16 percent of their value to fall to last place at \$725 million. The St. Louis Rams lost 15 percent of their value and the Buffalo Bills 12 percent.

NFL spokesman Greg Aiello declined comment. □



B Team

Chauncey Billups of U.S., reacts during a friendly basketball match at Athens’ Olympic stadium, against Greece, Wednesday, Aug. 25, 2010.

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TOP OF HIS GAME

Tiger Woods pumps his fist after sinking a birdie putt on the 18th hole during the first round of The Barclays golf tournament, Thursday, Aug. 26, 2010, in Paramus, N.J.

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No trace of Beijing for USA basketball in Turkey

By BRIAN MAHONEY

AP Basketball Writer

ISTANBUL – Kobe Bryant towers over a city street as he dribbles a basketball in the cover photo of a pamphlet distributed earlier this year to promote the world championships.

After offseason knee surgery, Bryant isn't doing much dribbling at all this summer.

Even before announcing he was leaving Cleveland for South Beach, it was obvious LeBron James wouldn't be going to Turkey.

Nor did any other players who helped the United States win the gold medal in the 2008 Olympics. In their place is what's been called the "B Team," a group of second choices who are here only because the guys with bigger names had better things to do.

And they're aware of what's being said about them.

"We love to compete. We're professionals," forward Lamar Odom said. "One of the best things about playing sports is being competitive. When someone says you can't, it makes you more motivated."

Now the B Team will try to do what the A-listers couldn't four years ago: win the world's biggest basketball tournament.

The Americans dominate the Olympics but can't seem to get the world championships right. They've won the tournament just three times, none since 1994, and left Japan in 2006 with a bronze medal despite a team that was loaded with stars such as James, Dwyane Wade, Dwight Howard, Chris Paul, Chris Bosh and Carmelo Anthony.

The team that remains may still be good enough to be considered the favorite, but is vulnerable enough to make this event more wide open than the Olympics two years ago.



The United States basketball team visits the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in central Athens, Tuesday, Aug. 24, 2010. The United States plays Greece Wednesday in its final tune-up game ahead of the 2010 FIBA World Championship, to be held in Turkey from Aug. 28 to Sep. 12.

Spain and Greece, who met in the championship game in 2006, plus Argentina head the list of other contenders for the Naismith trophy and the automatic berth into the 2012 Olympics in London. The tournament starts Saturday in four cities in Turkey.

Group A is in Kayseri, Group B in Istanbul, Group C in the capital city of Ankara, where the hosts will play, and Group D in Izmir. Six teams are in each group, and four will survive pool play to advance to the single-elimination round starting Sept. 4 in Istanbul. The championship game is scheduled for Sept. 12, and the Americans expect to be playing in it for the first time in 16 years.

"We just want to go out there and win," forward Andre Iguodala said. "I think we're really hungry and we're really excited to have the opportunity to play

for the USA and we want to bring back home the gold." So does Spain, a veteran team that returns much of its core as it goes for a repeat. Greece, which stunned the U.S. four years ago in the semifinals, has a deep collection of physical players — and will need to rely on it after Antonis Fotsis and Sofoklis Schortsanitis were each suspended two games by FIBA on Thursday for their part in last week's brawl in an exhibition game against Serbia.

The Americans beat both the Spaniards and Greeks on the road in warm-up games, sending them to Turkey with confidence soaring after some struggles in their first two outings.

"We passed the other tests and now we are just ready to get into it," forward Rudy Gay said.

But there are still concerns for a team with a lack of size and experience. The

6-foot-10 Odom is now the starting center on a squad with only one 7-footer and with six players age 22 or younger.

Chauncey Billups, the veteran of the team at 33, was asked what still concerned the coaches the most.

"More than anything, I think it's still rebounding the ball and going at a high level," Billups said. "Still knowing that we are a small team, rebounding, and sometimes we get a little wacky and turn the ball over a little too much. Those are our main two concerns. But those are the things that we can get a little better control of after playing more and more together, knowing each other more."

The U.S. isn't the only team that arrived in Turkey without its best players. Pau Gasol, the MVP of the 2006 tournament, is resting after three straight

trips to the NBA finals with the Los Angeles Lakers. Argentina is missing Manu Ginobili, who stayed home with newborn twins. Theo Papaloukas, the point guard who quarterbacked the upset over the Americans, is no longer suiting up for the Greeks.

Even non-contenders such as Germany (Dirk Nowitzki), France (Tony Parker) and Australia (Andrew Bogut) are without top NBA players this summer.

The Americans seem best equipped to handle the withdrawals, fielding the most athletic squad in the 24-team tournament.

They will look to overcome any size disadvantage with their pressure defense, trying to create turnovers that get Kevin Durant and Derrick Rose out on fast breaks.

Teams that can control the pace and get the ball inside can hurt the Americans. Greece managed it for a half Wednesday before the Americans ran away in the second of their 87-59 victory. Argentina, with Luis Scola and Fabricio Oberto, and Group B opponent Brazil, with Anderson Varejao and Tiago Splitter, have front lines that will be tough for the U.S. to match.

But if the Americans are able to get out and run, they're confident they won't stop until they've reached the gold medal platform.

"From top to bottom everybody can play and score the ball and I think we're really defending well," guard Stephen Curry said. "We have our leaders, our go-to guys with K.D. and Derrick Rose, those kinds of guys who are definitely getting us going out of the gate. Then the backup lineup coming in and not missing a step. I think we have everything covered." □

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Gay targets second fastest 100m ever at Van Damme

RAF CASERT
AP Sports Writer

BRUSSELS (AP) — With his toughest competitors injured, Tyson Gay will run against the Van Damme Memorial clock on Friday as he tries to set the final Diamond League meeting alight.

After setting a world leading time of 9.78 seconds running into a cold headwind on a wet London track earlier this month, Gay is in Brussels focused on beating 9.69, his personal best and the time he shares with Usain Bolt as the second fastest ever. Bolt has the world record of 9.58.

"I'm mentally and physically able to improve my personal best," Gay said of the time he set in Shanghai last September.

Gay's main proviso was "if the conditions are all right," and this year, the Van Damme might be throwing up the worst sprinting conditions possible — with rain, wind and cold forecast.

However, organizer Wilfried Meert saw Gay's run at a wet Crystal Palace and expects the American to make up for the absences of injured Jamaicans Bolt

and Asafa Powell.

"Will Tyson nevertheless run fast?" Meert asked. "He will run fast."

If not the weather, a sellout crowd of 37,000 at the King Baudouin Stadium will warm Gay, who said Thursday he is considering adding the 400 to his resume in the hope of running in the American 4x400 relay team.

"I want to run more 400-meter races in the next few years," he said. "That way I want to earn a spot in the American (4x400 relay) team.

Teaming up with Jeremy (Wariner) and the others in a tournament — I like the sound of that."

Gay ran 44.89 in April without any proper preparation, but that still makes him the eighth best U.S. performer over 400 this year.

The best head-to-head on Friday could well come in the 800, where new world record holder David Rudisha will face Sudan's Abubaker Kaki, the only man who has come close to him this season. Rudisha set the world record of 1:41.09 in Berlin last Sunday and will focus



U.S. athlete Tyson Gay addresses the media ahead of the IAAF Diamond League track and field meeting on Friday, in Brussels, Belgium, Tuesday Aug. 24, 2010.

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on beating Kaki rather than going for another record. If he wins and feels fine, he plans to go for another record in Rieti, Italy on Sunday. In the women 800, Caster Semenya will run in her first Diamond League race after she won her first major 800 of the season in Berlin on Sunday, her first major victory since gender tests kept the world champion off the track for 11 months. The Van Damme Memorial meet with crown the last 16 disciplines after Zurich's Weltklasse meet did the first 16 last week. □

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NL Roundup

Reds beat Giants 12-11 in 12 innings



Colorado Rockies Troy Tulowitzki (2) clenches his fists after hitting the go-ahead RBI in the eighth inning during a baseball game against the Atlanta Braves at Coors Field in Denver on Wednesday, Aug. 25, 2010. The Rockies swept the Braves in a three-game series, coming back from a nine-run deficit to win 12-10.

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The Cincinnati Reds blew a nine-run lead before regrouping to pull off an extraordinary 12-11 win over the San Francisco Giants in Wednesday's clash of two National League playoff contenders. The NL Central-leading Reds

took a 10-1 lead into the bottom of the fifth before San Francisco stormed back with a six-run burst in the eighth to take an 11-10 lead. A throwing error by Giants third baseman Pablo Sandoval in the ninth set up Paul Janish's tying single and sent the game into extra innings.

Cincinnati's Joey Votto had four hits and four RBIs, including the tiebreaking single in the top of the 12th, which came with two outs.

Rockies 12, Braves 10

In Denver, Colorado overcame a nine-run deficit, matching the biggest rally in team history to stun Atlanta. Down 10-1 in the third inning, the Rockies chipped away against the NL East leader before taking the lead with four runs in the eighth. Carlos Gonzalez hit a tying,

two-run single with two outs, and Troy Tulowitzki and Todd Helton followed with RBI singles.

Colorado also came back from nine runs down to beat Florida 18-17 in 2008. The NL record for the biggest comeback is 11 runs.

Astros 3, Phillies 2

In Philadelphia, J.A. Happ pitched effectively into the seventh inning against his former team to steer Houston past Philadelphia.

Happ (4-2) allowed two runs in 6 1-3 innings, becoming the second former Phillies pitcher to beat them in this series. Brett Myers did it Monday.

The Phillies remained 2½ games behind NL East-leading Atlanta after losing three straight to the going-nowhere Astros. They've missed an opportunity to gain ground on the Braves, who've lost three in a row to Colorado.

Philadelphia starter Roy Halladay (16-9) gave up three runs in seven innings, snapping his six-game winning streak.

Marlins 5, Mets 4

In New York, Hanley Ramirez, back in the No. 3 spot, had four hits to power Florida to a tight win over New York. Marlins pitcher Alex Sanabia (3-1) won his second consecutive start since he was recalled from the minors.

With the bases loaded in the

ninth inning, Marlins closer Leo Nunez retired Jose Reyes on a game-ending groundout.

Padres 9, Diamondbacks 3

In San Diego, Adrian Gonzalez hit a three-run homer and Miguel Tejada had a two-run shot as San Diego beat Arizona to take a season-high 6½-game lead atop the NL West.

David Eckstein had three hits and three runs, and Tejada also scored three runs to help San Diego improve to an NL-best 76-49.

Arizona's Stephen Drew went 4 for 4 with two solo homers for his first career multihomer game, with his second ending the night for Padres pitcher Wade LeBlanc (8-11).

Arizona's Joe Saunders (1-4) took the loss.

Dodgers 5, Brewers 4

In Milwaukee, Manny Ramirez doubled twice and drove in his first run since reports he's been put up for trade, rallying Los Angeles over Milwaukee.

If Ramirez was auditioning for a new club such as the Chicago White Sox, who are rumored to have interest, it certainly was a success.

The 38-year-old Ramirez also walked twice, scored a run and was thrown out at the plate in a bizarre play in the third inning.

L.A. starter Hiroki Kuroda (9-11) went seven solid innings and Octavio Dotel earned his 22nd save.

Randy Wolf (10-10) took the loss.

Pirates 5, Cardinals 2

In Pittsburgh, Daniel McCutchen pitched six shutout innings for his third victory as a major league starter, steering Pittsburgh past St. Louis.

In other NL games it was Colorado 12, Atlanta 10; Cincinnati 12, San Francisco 11, 12 innings; Chicago Cubs 4, Washington 0; Houston 3, Philadelphia 2; Pittsburgh 5, St. Louis 2; Florida 5, N.Y. Mets 4; L.A. Dodgers 5, Milwaukee 4; and San Diego 9, Arizona 3. □



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AL Roundup

Hernandez pitches Seattle to 4-2 win, split of DH

BOSTON (AP) — Felix Hernandez became the third youngest pitcher since 1952 to reach 1,000 strikeouts, pitching 7 1-3 strong innings to lead the Seattle Mariners to a 4-2 win over the Boston Red Sox and a split of their day-night doubleheader Wednesday.

Hernandez (10-10) struck out nine and allowed four hits and one walk as the Mariners snapped a four-game losing streak while ending the Red Sox winning streak at four.

Boston scored an unearned run in the third and trailed 4-1 when Tim Wakefield (3-10) left after 5 2-3 innings. Then J.D. Drew hit a solo homer in the sixth, the first earned run off Hernandez in 27 2-3 innings over four starts. The Red Sox threatened in the eighth with runners at second and third with one out.

In the opener, Josh Beckett (4-3) got his first victory in four starts as the Red Sox won 5-3.

Hernandez lowered his ERA from 2.51 to 2.47, second in the AL to Clay Buchholz of the Red Sox at 2.26. He also recorded his 1,000th strikeout, fanning David Ortiz in the sixth, at the age of 24 years, 139 days. Only Bert Blyleven (23 years, 121 days) and Dwight Gooden (23 years, 249 days) did it at a younger age.

At Toronto, Vernon Wells and Aaron Hill homered as Toronto held on when Curtis Granderson flied out with the bases loaded to end Toronto's win over New York.

Down 6-2 with two outs and none on in the ninth, the Yankees rallied. Jason Frasier was pulled after a pair of walks and closer Kevin Gregg gave up an RBI single to Eduardo Nunez and hit Derek Jeter with a pitch that loaded the bases.

Gregg retired Granderson on a routine fly just short of the warning track in center field for his 29th save in 33 chances.

Toronto took two of three in the series. The Yankees remained even with Tampa Bay for the AL East lead. Rangers 4, Twins 3

At Arlington, Texas, Vladimir Guerrero and Josh Hamilton homered in support of C.J. Wilson, who won his sixth consecutive decision for Texas, in a victory over Minnesota in a matchup of division leaders. Guerrero had three hits, including the tiebreaking homer leading off the sixth against Brian Duensing (7-2) that came after Wilson had already thrown his last pitch. Royals 4, Tigers 3, 12 innings

At Detroit, Willie Bloomquist's one-out home run in the 12th inning gave Kansas City a win over Detroit.

Kansas City, which also got a homer and two RBIs from Kila Ka'ahue, rallied from a 3-0 deficit to snap Detroit's five-game winning streak and

avoided being swept in the three-game series.

Phillip Humber (1-0), who pitched three innings of scoreless relief, got the win for the Royals and Joakim Soria got his 36th save in 38 chances.

At Anaheim, California, Mike Napoli hit a grand slam, Hideki Matsui doubled in three runs and Howie Kendrick had four hits to help the Los Angeles Angels to prevent Tampa Bay from sweeping a series in Anaheim for the first time. Tampa Bay remained tied with the Yankees atop the AL East standings with identical 78-49 records, best in the majors. The Angels stopped a three-game slide overall and a four-game skid against the Rays at home.

Athletics 6, Indians 1

At Cleveland, Trevor Cahill pitched seven strong innings as Oakland handed Cleveland



Seattle Mariners starting pitcher Felix Hernandez delivers to the Boston Red Sox in the fifth inning of the second game of a day-night baseball doubleheader at Fenway Park in Boston on Wednesday, Aug. 25, 2010. The Mariners won 4-2.

its fifth straight loss.

Cahill (14-5) was helped by three double plays as he improved to 5-1 with a 0.77 ERA in six starts since July 28.

Kevin Kouzmanoff lined a three-run double to cap Oakland's five-run first inning off Mitch Talbot (8-11). The former Indians third baseman broke a 4 for 42 slump (.095) with the shot off the center-field wall.

Jack Cust gave the Athletics a 1-0 lead with an RBI single

grounded between first and second. After Mark Ellis walked to load the bases, Rajai Davis grounded a single between third and short to make it 2-0.

In other AL games it was Kansas City 4, Detroit 3, 12 innings; Boston 5, Seattle 3 1st game; L.A. Angels 12, Tampa Bay 3; Oakland 6, Cleveland 1; Toronto 6, N.Y. Yankees 3; Seattle 4, Boston 2 2nd game; Texas 4, Minnesota 3; and Baltimore 4, Chicago White Sox 2.

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Margarito gets Texas license, fight with Pacquiao

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AP Sports Writer

Former welterweight champion Antonio Margarito of Mexico has been approved to fight in Texas, clearing the way for his proposed bout against Manny Pacquiao at Cowboys Stadium this fall. The Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation received an application from Margarito on Monday and decided Thursday to grant his request. The decision came after Margarito was denied an application to fight in California and had another application tabled in Nevada.

Margarito is expected to face Pacquiao for a vacant junior middleweight title on Nov. 13.

"I want to thank the state of Texas for granting me a boxing license, which enables me to continue my passion for the sport of boxing in the United States," Margarito said in a statement sent to The Associated Press. "I have dedicated my life to giving the fans of the sport entertainment and excitement. On Nov. 13, this great opportunity will ultimately be fulfilled."

Margarito hasn't fought in the United States since January 2009, when a plaster-like substance was found in his hand wraps before a fight against Shane Mosley in Los Angeles. Margarito's license along with that of his former trainer, Javier Capetillo, were revoked for at least one year by the California State Athletic Commission, a decision that was upheld by other states.

The "Tijuana Tornado" honored the revocation, even though he denied knowing anything about the illegal hand wraps. He could have fought outside the United States during his yearlong suspension, but didn't return to the ring until May 8, about 16 months after his fight against Mosley.

Moving up to junior middleweight, Margarito coasted to a win over Roberto Garcia in Mexico.

It was never a sure thing that Margarito would be licensed in Texas, and promoter Top Rank had discussed contingency plans that included taking the fight to Mexico or Dubai.

Officials in Texas examined numerous documents relating to the case, including

the initial revocation of Margarito's license in California, transcripts from his hearing, his subsequent application from earlier this month, and a letter from the Association of Boxing Commissions to members instructing them to make their own decision on whether to issue him a license.

"After a thorough review of his application it was determined Mr. Margarito met the requirements of the Texas Combative Sports Act and Rules," Executive Director William Kuntz said in a statement posted on the department's website. "Based on the review of the above information, I have authorized the issuance of a license to Mr. Margarito."

The decision was important not only to those involved in the fight, but also to Cowboys owner Jerry Jones and his opulent stadium near Dallas, as well as the state of Texas.

Any fight involving Pacquiao means big business for the hosts, including massive crowds and hundreds of thousands of pay-per-view purchases. The pound-for-pound king drew 51,000

fans to face the relatively unknown Joshua Clottey on March 13 in the stadium's first night of boxing.

Jones said he's already been in touch with Top Rank and, although there are still some details to work out, most of the major points involved in the fight have been agreed upon.

"We have a few things to work out, then we'll have an announcement — soon, certainly within days," Jones told the AP. "It was worth the wait. I'm pleased that we're in the position we are."

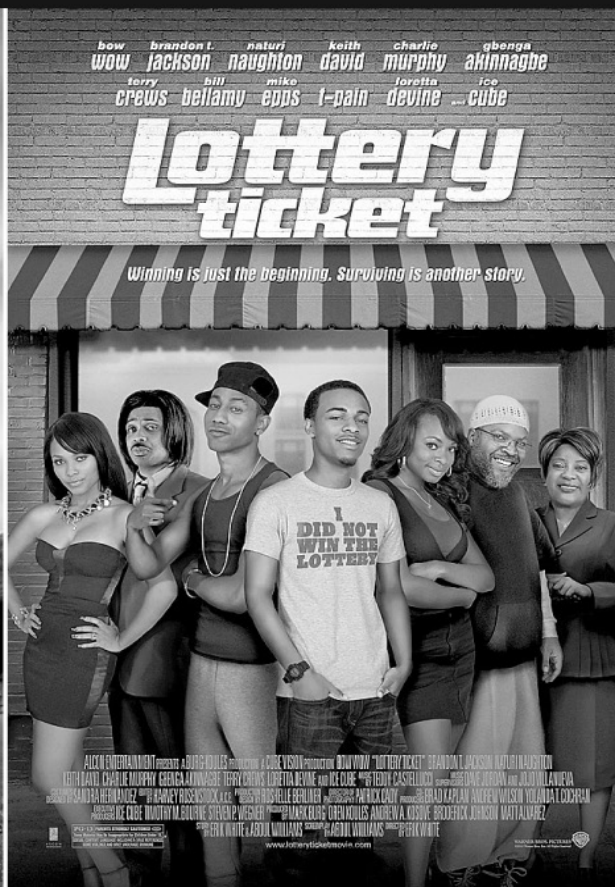
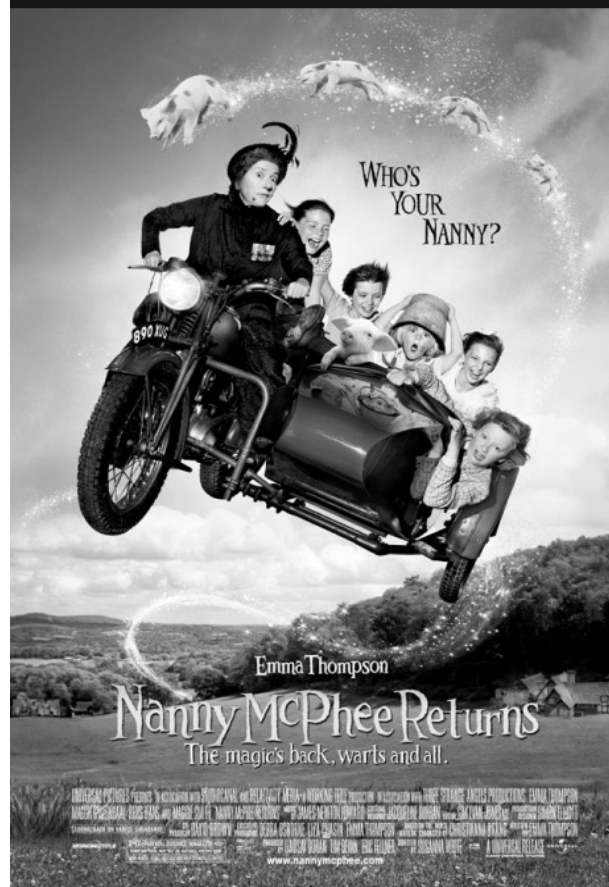
Fans had been hoping to see Pacquiao face Floyd Mayweather Jr. this year in what could have been the richest fight in the sport's history. However, Mayweather has refused to sign a contract to face the popular Filipino champion and Pacquiao was forced to look elsewhere for a fight, finally settling on Margarito — both fighters are promoted by Top Rank.

The choice has drawn the ire of many fans who don't believe that Margarito should not receive the lucrative payday after what has transpired over the past 18 months. □



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Woods shoots 65 for his best round of the year

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PARAMUS, New Jersey (AP)

— In his first tournament since his divorce, Tiger Woods finally looked like the No. 1 player in the world Thursday at the Barclays when he opened with a 6-under 65, his lowest score of the year, to share the lead with Vaughn Taylor.

It was Woods' first time leading after any round on the PGA Tour since the Tour Championship last September.

"It's exciting to hit the ball flush again," Woods said. "It's something I've been missing all year."

He didn't miss much at Ridgewood Country Club. Woods hit all but one fairway and putted for birdie on all but two holes. And while he hit his driver only twice, they were two of his best shots of the day — including on the 291-yard fifth hole, where his drive landed pin-high and settled 15 feet away.

Was it just a coincidence that his game showed up so soon after his marriage was dissolved?

"I can't really say that's the case," he said. "As far as golf, it was nice to put it together." Woods and Taylor both played in the morning, when the greens were smooth and the conditions were only breezy. They had a one-shot lead over Australian Adam Scott, Brian Gay and Ryan Palmer. Scott played in the afternoon, where a gust of wind played tricks on him at the final hole and led to bogey.

Scott endured a long day in the pro-am Wednesday and didn't think Ridgewood would serve up a 65 to anyone.

"Seeing some good scores this morning made me change my mind," he said.

That one of those scores belonged to Woods was hardly a surprise.

"For him to piece things together can't be too hard," Scott said. "He's very good." The last time Woods' was atop the leaderboard after any round of any tournament was when he won the Australian Masters on Nov. 15, less than two weeks before his life caved in on him — the



Vaughn Taylor, left, hits his tee shot on the 18th hole during the first round of The Barclays golf tournament, Thursday, Aug. 26, 2010, in Paramus, N.J.; and Tiger Woods, right, looks at his putt on the first hole during the first round at The Barclays golf tournament Thursday, Aug. 26, 2010, in Paramus, N.J.

car crash after Thanksgiving night, details of adultery, five months away from the game and a broken marriage, which officially ended Monday.

His golf hasn't been very good either, which is why Woods began the FedEx Cup playoffs 112th out of 125 players who qualified. He was so low down the list that he was first to tee off under a sunny sky at Ridgewood, the first time he's done that in his PGA Tour career.

It worked to his advantage.

"With fresh greens, everybody in our group was making putts on the front nine," Woods said. "You had to get it today."

And he did. The 65 was his lowest score in 46 rounds, dating to a 62 in the BMW Championship last year. Taylor grinned when asked if he was surprised to see Woods' name on the leaderboard. "Somewhat, you know?" he said. "It's good to see him back up top."

With sunshine and a light breeze, conditions were ripe for scoring. Palmer had a chance to join the leaders until a three-putt bogey on the 18th put him at 66. Even though the greens became bumpy in the afternoon after so much foot traffic, the course was soft enough to allow for good scores. There were 14 players who shot 67, including Davis Love III, defending champion Heath Slocum and Stewart Cink.

Phil Mickelson, with his ninth chance in the last four months to replace Woods at No. 1 in the world, made only one



birdie for a 72.

For Woods, the timing could not have been better.

Only the top 100 in the FedEx Cup standings advance to the second round of the playoffs next week in the Deutsche Bank Championship. Woods at least needs to make the cut, then finish in the middle of the pack. He had a better solution.

"I figure if I win, I should be OK," Woods said.

For one of the few times this year, he gave himself ample

reason to believe that. Woods opened with a 3-wood down the middle of the fairway, a pitching wedge to 15 feet below the hole and a birdie putt.

More followed, even on the par 5s, which have given Woods fits in recent months.

He mostly used his 3-wood off the tee, figuring that was enough to reach the corners without having to take on the tops of trees that line the fairways. Plus, with saturated conditions from rain earlier

in the week, tour officials allowed players to lift, clean and place their golf balls in the fairway.

"With the ball in hand, it's much more important to hit the fairways," Woods said. It was the first time since the 2006 British Open at Royal Liverpool that he hit his 3-wood off the tee on every par 5.

The two times he hit the driver turned out to be two of his best shots of the day.

After the tee shot on the par-4 fifth — only six players hit that green off the tee — Woods used driver into the wind on the 18th, hitting it so well that he had only a 7-iron into the green. He hit a punch shot to just over 6 feet for a final birdie.

"It was just a low, bullet fade right around the corner," he said. "It was just the shape of the shot, because it was different than most of the 3-woods I played all day. I didn't hold a single 3-wood. I was turning them over. Now, the shape of the driver in the complete opposite direction ... and I hadn't hit a driver since the fifth hole." □

Heritage golf tourney moved back a week next year

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COLUMBIA, South Carolina (AP) — If you enjoy watching the PGA Tour's best, next April could be the week for you.

The PGA Tour announced Thursday the Heritage golf tournament in South Carolina will be played a week later than usual in 2011 on April 21-24, the same week that the popular Champions Tour event, the Liberty Mutual Legends of Golf, is taking place about a hour's drive south in Savannah, Georgia.

The change to the longtime event at Harbour Town Golf Links, usually played the week following the Masters, came because The Players Championship was shifted to a week later in May. That forced a date change for the Texas Open, which moved into the Heritage's normal slot. PGA Tour chief of operations Rick George says the switch is for next year only with all intentions to move the Heritage back the week after the year's first major.

But for next year at least, it means two marquee events will battle for competitors, volunteers and fans.

"We know this is not an ideal situation,"

George said.

The Heritage may not have been in any position to protest. The tournament's spot on the schedule was in doubt since it lost Verizon as its longtime sponsor. A replacement has not been secured with less than eight months left before the 2011 Heritage.

"That's still a work in progress," said Steve Wilmot, Heritage tournament director.

Wilmot guaranteed last March that there would be a Heritage in 2011 with or without a title sponsor. But organizers have not found anyone willing to put the \$8 million or so necessary to underwrite the event.

Earlier this summer, Beaufort County agreed to loan the golf tournament \$1 million to make sure it returned to Hilton Head. The town of Hilton Head promised to award a \$1 million grant if the golf tournament can't find a sponsor by next April.

George said the tour and the Heritage finalized their agreement for 2011 earlier Thursday.

George says PGA Tour leaders were continuing to work with Wilmot in searching out a sponsor to keep the Heritage on the schedule past 2011. □

Federer could meet Soderling in U.S. Open quarters

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NEW YORK (AP)— If Roger Federer is going to reach a seventh consecutive U.S. Open final, he might need to get past the man who ended his Grand Slam semifinal streak.

The five-time U.S. Open champion was given a possible quarterfinal against two-time French Open runner-up Robin Soderling in Thursday's draw. The No. 5-seeded Soderling upset Federer in the quarterfinals in Paris this year, stopping Federer's record run of reaching at least the semifinals at 23 consecutive Grand Slam tournaments.

"I'm motivated to do well because I love New York, I love playing in Arthur Ashe (Stadium)," Federer said. "If I couldn't get motivated by this stadium and this city, then I'd have some issues."

The other men's matchups in the quarterfinals could be No. 1-seeded Rafael Nadal against No. 8 Fernando Verdasco, two-time major finalist Andy Murray against Wimbledon runner-up Tomas Berdych, and No. 3 Novak Djokovic against No. 6 Nikolay Davydenko or No. 9 Andy Roddick.

The top-seeded woman, 2009 runner-up Caroline Wozniacki, could face 2006 champion Maria Sharapova in the fourth round and 2004 champion Svetlana Kuznetsova in the



Tennis greets Roger Federer, left, and Rafael Nadal, right, share a light moment during a news conference Wednesday, Aug. 25, 2010, after Nike's "Primetime Knockout" tennis event to celebrate the season's final Grand Slam tournament by pairing the athletes with local youth during an exhibition match in New York. The U.S. Open is to begin Aug. 30th.

quarterfinals.

Other possible women's quarterfinals set up Thursday are defending champion Kim Clijsters against French Open runner-up Sam Stosur, 2000-01 U.S. Open winner Venus Williams against French Open champion Francesca Schiavone, and 2008 U.S. Open finalist Jelena Jankovic against Wimbledon runner-up Vera Zvonareva.

"I know if I play well that I can beat anybody out there," said Clijsters, who also won the 2005 Open, "so that's what I'm going to try to achieve."

Murray, hoping to become the first British man since 1936 to win a Grand Slam title, could meet No. 20-seeded Sam Querrey of the United States in the fourth round. Another American, Wimbledon marathon man John Isner, is seeded 18th and also is in that quarter of the draw.

In the semifinals, Murray was drawn to meet Nadal, who lost in that round in New York each of the past two years and is trying to complete a career Grand Slam by winning the U.S. Open for the first time.

Federer was drawn to meet

Djokovic or Roddick in the semifinals. Federer beat Djokovic in the 2007 U.S. Open final and the 2008 and 2009 semifinals.

"Over the last three years here, I've only lost to one player — Federer — and that gives me enough reason to believe I can go far this year," Djokovic said, "because I like the courts, I like the atmosphere here. I just like the tournament — it's suitable to my game, and to my personality."

Federer could face another familiar opponent in the third round: 2001 U.S. Open and

2002 Wimbledon champion Lleyton Hewitt. Federer beat Hewitt in the 2004 U.S. Open final, part of a 15-match, head-to-head winning streak for Federer — which ended when Hewitt beat him in the final of a grass-court tournament at Halle, Germany, in June.

"I know my way around New York so well. The center court is so familiar," Federer said. "The fans have always been so great. They've always been behind me, and that's always so key, and I hope it's going to be, again, the same this year." He lost in the 2009 U.S. Open final to Juan Martin del Potro, who — like No. 1-ranked Serena Williams — previously withdrew from this year's tournament, having not recovered fully from surgery. Del Potro's wrist was hurt; Williams cut her foot shortly after winning Wimbledon, although she hasn't explained exactly what happened.

"It would be great to have Serena compete," Clijsters said, "but that's sports, and that's life."

Williams' older sister, Venus, who is seeded No. 3, could face an intriguing matchup in the third round against No. 32-seeded Tsvetana Pironkova of Bulgaria. Pironkova has won two of her previous three matches against Venus Williams, including a straight-set upset in the Wimbledon quarterfinals June 29. □



Caroline Wozniacki, of Denmark, lunges for a forehand during her 6-4, 6-1 victory over Dominika Cibulkova, of Slovakia, at the Pilot Pen tennis tournament in New Haven, Conn., on Wednesday, Aug. 25, 2010.

Associated Press

PAT EATON-ROBB

Associated Press Writer

NEW HAVEN, Connecticut (AP)— Three Russian women played their way into the Pilot

Pen semifinals, while top-seeded Caroline Wozniacki advanced Thursday without ever taking the court.

Wozniacki's opponent in the

Wozniacki reaches Pilot Pen semifinals in walkover

quarterfinals, Italy's Flavia Pennetta, withdrew from the tournament with an injury to her right foot.

The Danish star will play Elena Dementieva on Friday. The fourth-seeded Russian needed almost three hours to beat Marion Bartoli of France 6-3, 3-6, 6-2. It was her second consecutive three-hour match after beating Kateryna Bondarenko on Wednesday 7-6 (4), 6-7 (5), 6-4.

"Sometimes you have to go through such a difficult match, very long three sets, to feel your game, to feel your

confidence," she said.

In an all-Russian quarterfinal, Maria Kirilenko beat Dinara Safina in straight sets, 6-3, 6-3. Kirilenko said she's not surprised so many Russians are doing so well on the Tour. "We work a lot," she said. "That's why I think we have good results, you know. Because to have a talent, it's not enough. You have to be patient. You have to work a lot. You have to fight. Everything together. So I think that's why we have so many Russians." She will play Nadia Petrova on Friday, who also advanced

in straight sets, 6-2, 6-1 over Australia's Samantha Stosur. Petrova had four aces and won 82 percent of her first-serve points.

"I got a lot of free points with (my serve)," she said. "I just really tried to stay consistent with the returns. My goal was to have a good power behind the ball and also be consistent with my shots, not to give too many free points."

In the first men's quarterfinal match, Thiemo de Bakker of the Netherlands beat Evgeny Korolev of Kazakhstan 6-4, 6-2. □

Red Bull, McLaren, Ferrari last F1 teams standing

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SPA-FRANCORCHAMPS, Belgium (AP) — Formula One's championship has arrived at the Belgian Grand Prix with favorites Red Bull, McLaren and Ferrari knowing there is no room for error in the title race with only seven races left.

Mark Webber of Red Bull leads the drivers' standings with 161 points — four ahead of McLaren's Lewis Hamilton while Sebastian Vettel is third for Red Bull with 151 points. Jenson Button of McLaren is fourth in front of Ferrari's Fernando Alonso, who trails Webber by 20 points.

Webber is keen to maximize Red Bull's potential at a track not quite suited for its car, and with most of the front-runners believing the championship fight between the big three was starting from zero at Spa. Red Bull has been the season-long pacesetter — qualifying fastest in all but one of 12 races — but hasn't always turned that into points, something both Webber and Vettel knew needs improvement.

"Finishing is certainly something that is important," Webber said Thursday. "You have to capitalize on those

days when you're not winning because any points are better than none."

While Webber leads the field with four victories this season, Vettel has taken pole in four straight GPs — and has a season-high seven — but has only managed one victory in that span.

"Would've, could've, should've — it's all fine but at the end of day all that matters are the points you have on the scoreboard," Vettel said. "Yes, you can argue we should have scored more points but other teams and drivers did too. We are where we are and (now) every single (point) is more important."

Button has no doubts about McLaren's chances Sunday at the high-speed, low-downforce Spa circuit after the team's worst performance of the season in Budapest.

"I can't see any reason why we can't win it," said the world champion, who was also encouraged by governing body FIA's decision to implement extra testing on front wings, which have reportedly given Red Bull and Ferrari some advantage.

Ferrari's impressive record could stand in the way as Kimi Raikkonen's victory last year

made it three straight and five of the last seven.

"We all start from zero. It's a seven-race championship," said Alonso, who pegged Red Bull as the team to beat again. "It's very tough competition but we have the expectation of fighting for the championship to the limit. There's no reason to be pessimistic."

While both Red Bull and McLaren drivers are still in the thick of the title race, Alonso can likely expect full backing from his Italian team since teammate Felipe Massa is further out of the championship picture in sixth — 64 points behind Webber.

"It's a nice position for Fernando to have. If he's following his teammate he might get some relief," Webber said. "That's a nice little feather in his cap that might help him a little bit."

While the top three steer another title fight that appears set to go to the finish, the rest of the teams have already started turning their attentions to developing the 2011 car, including Mercedes.

The Germans are already starting on the back foot as Michael Schumacher will be penalized 10 places after Saturday's qualifying for



Red Bull Formula One driver Mark Webber of Australia, left, celebrates on the podium with Ferrari Formula One driver Fernando Alonso of Spain, after winning the Hungarian Grand Prix at the Hungaroring circuit outside Budapest, Hungary, Sunday, Aug. 1, 2010.

Associated Press

"illegally impeding" Rubens Barrichello in Hungary. Schumacher nearly forced his former Ferrari teammate into a concrete wall at high speed. While Schumacher again apologized to Barrichello, the seven-time F1 champion was relishing his return to Spa where he won his first of a record 91 races and has triumphed six times. "I've often called it my living room and there's lots of fantastic memories from

the past and even some to look forward with the mixed weather prediction this weekend," Schumacher said. "Naturally we want to still take as many points as possible to stay up in the constructors' (standings)."

Williams driver Barrichello, meanwhile, will be driving in a record 300th race.

Practice starts Friday when rain and cold weather are expected to set the trend for the weekend. □



Maurice Claret, left, and attorney Michael C. Hoague, smile on Wednesday Aug. 25, 2010 in Columbus, Ohio after Franklin County Common Pleas Judge David W. Fais granted a request allowing Claret to leave Ohio for a job interview in Omaha, Nebraska.

By ERIC OLSON

AP Sports Writer

OMAHA, Neb. — Maurice Claret can't sign with the Omaha Nighthawks until team shows it has a support system in place for the former Ohio State star, the commissioner of the United Football League said Thursday.

"Just throwing him to the wolves, I wouldn't be interested in that," Michael Huyghue said.

Claret was the marquee running back in college football in 2002, leading Ohio State to its first national championship in 34 years.

His star fell quickly amid

UFL boss: Omaha must give Claret a support system

myriad off-the-field troubles. He served 3 1/2 years in prison for having a hidden gun and holding up two people outside a bar, then spent 4 1/2 months in a community-based, lockdown dormitory.

Claret called the Nighthawks recently asking for a chance, and an Ohio judge this week gave him permission to leave the state to attend an individual workout. The workout has been scheduled for Sunday and will be closed to the public and media.

"The level of success of the workout will determine whether or not a contract will be offered," the team said in a statement.

The five-team UFL is entering

its second season and touts itself as a league for young players who couldn't quite make it in the NFL or veterans who are looking to get back to the league. Omaha's roster features Pro Bowlers in quarterback Jeff Garcia and running back Ahman Green. If the Nighthawks want to sign Claret, Huyghue said he would interview him to determine how sincere he is about making a football comeback. Huyghue said he would consider input from Nighthawks general manager Rick Mueller, coach Jeff Jagodzinski and veteran players.

"You have to build an infrastructure because it's a traumatic transition if you

allow a player who spent three years in jail to come out and join a team," Huyghue said. "It's not just business as usual."

Green, an Omaha native who starred at Nebraska before his NFL days, plans to serve as Claret's mentor. He said Claret seems likable and determined.

"From our few conversations, it sounds like he's getting everything straight," Green said. "He really wants to play. All we have to do is see what kind of shape he's in and go from there."

Claret attorneys Michael Hoague and Martin Midian didn't immediately return phone messages Thursday. □

German court finds HIV singer guilty; no jail time



German pop star Nadja Benaissa and her lawyer Oliver Wallasch wait for the verdict in her trial in the district court house in the western German city of Darmstadt. The HIV-positive singer broke down in tears on Thursday after a German court handed her a two-year suspended sentence for infecting a former sex partner with the virus.

By CHRISTOPH NOELTING, Associated Press Writer
DARMSTADT, Germany — A German girl band singer broke down in tears Thursday as a court found her guilty of causing bodily harm to her ex-boyfriend by having unprotected sex with him despite knowing she was infected with HIV. She was not sentenced to jail time. Nadja Benaissa, a member of No Angels, was given a two-

yearsuspendedprisonsentence and 300 hours community service after she was convicted in a Darmstadt administrative court. She faced a possible ten years behind bars. The court ruled that the 28-year-old had infected a former boyfriend with the virus that causes AIDS by having unprotected sex with him. Benaissa helped her case during the trial, which began Aug. 16, by acknowledging

she had unprotected sex despite knowing she was HIV-positive and saying it was a big mistake.

"I'm sorry from the bottom of my heart," Benaissa said, adding that she had realized how much her ex-boyfriend was still suffering.

"I wish I could turn back time and make everything undone," she told the court. "But I know that he will never forgive me."

Prosecutor Peter Liesenfeld said he thought the sentence was appropriate.

"We have to remember that she was a lot younger than she is now, she had a turbulent life, and the acts were committed a long time ago," he told Associated Press Television News.

"I think a suspended sentence is justified."

Benaissa left the courtroom without making any comment but her attorney Oliver Wallasch noted that she had said during the trial that she thought she deserved to be punished for her actions.

"We managed to avoid a jail sentence for my client and with the conditions of the sentence she received, including some

community service which she said was justified during the trial, the sentence was satisfactory for the defense and my client," he said.

The man who claimed Benaissa infected him said they had a three-month relationship at the beginning of 2004 and that he got tested after Benaissa's aunt asked him in 2007 whether he was aware that the singer was HIV-positive.

Benaissa said she didn't tell anybody about her disease because she was afraid of the consequences — which she described during the trial as a "cowardly act."

During the trial, microbiologist Josef Eberle, who examined the viruses of both Benaissa and her ex-boyfriend, told the court "in all probability" the singer was responsible for infecting the 34-year-old man with the virus that causes AIDS.

Both were suffering from a very rare type of the virus that was first found in western Africa, he said.

Benaissa told the court she became addicted to crack cocaine at 14 and that during her pregnancy at 16, she found out that she was HIV positive.

After winning a TV talent show, "Popstars," in 2000, she joined No Angels with four other young women and hid her illness from everyone. No Angels sold more than 5 million albums before breaking up in 2003.

Along with three other members from the original band, Benaissa helped reform the group in 2007. They performed to a disastrous response in the 2008 Eurovision song contest, coming in 23rd out of 25 contestants.

No Angels were heading into a concert in Frankfurt in April 2009, when Benaissa was taken into custody and kept for 10 days — a move that a German AIDS awareness group criticized as disproportionate. The Deutsche AIDS-Hilfe group argued her partners also carried a share of the responsibility for becoming infected, and criticized the verdict.

"If the responsibility for prevention is put entirely upon women and HIV-positive people, we are not recognizing the combined responsibility of two people," said spokeswoman Marianne Rademacher. □



In this film publicity image released by 20th Century Fox, Michael Douglas portrays Gordon Gekko, left, and Shia LaBeouf portrays Jake Moore in a scene from, 'Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps.' (AP Photo/20th Century Fox, Barry Wetcher)

By DAVID GERMAIN, AP Movie Writer
LOS ANGELES — Hollywood aims to help you escape from all that lousy economic news in the real world this fall, with a lineup heavy on fun and fantasy.

But Oliver Stone and Michael Douglas won't let audiences completely off the hook. They're putting Gordon Gekko, poster boy for greed

a generation ago, back into theaters to remind fans about the sharks that got us into this mess. Stone's "Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps" — a followup to the 1987 hit that won Douglas the best-actor Academy Award — picks up with ex-con Gekko broke, barred from the stock market, alienated from his family and trying to find a place for himself in 2008

Money, horses, death and owls pack fall film slate

as the global economy races toward chaos.

"You're in the joint for eight years, coming back without your fortune and the ability to trade. He's estranged from his daughter, he's lost a son while he's in prison," Douglas said. "Initially, Gordon's more vulnerable."

The key word is initially. Gekko still has plenty of tricks up his sleeve.

The "Wall Street" sequel is among September and October releases arriving as a prelude to the big holiday season, whose heavy-hitters include the latest in the "Harry Potter," "Chronicles of Narnia" and "Meet the Parents" franchises. Here's a look at highlights among films debuting in early fall:

FAMILY STUFF:

Zack Snyder ("300") directs the animated adventure "Legend of the Guardians: The Owls of Ga'Hoole," based on Kathryn Lasky's children's books about owls on a mythic quest against evil.

The animated comedy "Alpha and Omega" features the voices of Justin Long and Hayden Panettiere in a tale of two wolves on a journey home after park rangers move them halfway across country.

"Secretariat" gives wholesome treatment to the story of the 1973 Triple Crown winner, with Diane Lane as the housewife who takes over her ailing father's stables and guides the horse to triumph. Lane was 8 years old at the time and traveling outside the United States with a theater

company, yet she recalls the story of Secretariat gripping people around the world.

"The export of Secretariat to the rest of the world, coming from the American news wire, was really something. It was a great sigh of relief compared to all the other offerings we brought to the global news at that time," Lane said. "I had such a crush on Secretariat as a little girl. He was like Pegasus to me at the time. I've always had a crush on that species. There's something about horses and girls."

FUNNY STUFF:

Kristen Bell, Jamie Lee Curtis and Sigourney Weaver star in "You Again," a comedy about a woman and her mother coping with their old high school rivals at a family wedding. □

BUSINESS

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One in 10 with a mortgage
face foreclosure

FILE - In this July 28, 2010 file photograph, Rosario Frisse hugs her daughter, Michelle Frisse, 6, during a foreclosure rally in front of JP Morgan Chase Bank in Oakland, Calif. The Frisse family lost their house in Antioch, Calif., in a foreclosure with Citi Bank. One in 10 American households with a mortgage was at risk of foreclosure this summer as the government's efforts to help have had little impact stemming the housing crisis.

(AP Photo/Paul Sakuma, file)

By ALAN ZIBEL,
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WASHINGTON — One in 10 American households with a mortgage was at risk of foreclosure this summer as the government's efforts to help have had little impact stemming the housing crisis. About 9.9 percent of homeowners had missed at least one mortgage payment as of June 30, the Mortgage Bankers Association said Thursday.

That number, which is adjusted for seasonal factors, was down slightly from a record-high of more than 10 percent as of April 30.

In a worrisome sign, the number of homeowners starting to have problems with their mortgages rose after trending downward last year. The number of homes in the foreclosure process fell

slightly, the first drop in four years. More than 2.3 million homes have been repossessed by lenders since the recession began in December 2007, according to foreclosure listing service RealtyTrac Inc. Economists expect the number of foreclosures to grow well into next year.

The number of Americans missing payments and falling into foreclosure has followed the upward trend in unemployment, which has been near double digits all year and has shown no sign of dropping soon.

"Ultimately the housing story, whether it is delinquencies, homes sales or housing starts, is an employment story," Jay Brinkmann, the trade group's top economist, said in a statement. "Only when we see a consistent increase in employment will we see an increase in sales and starts, and a sustained improvement in the delinquency numbers."

There was some modestly encouraging news. The percentage of mortgage borrowers receiving foreclosure notices fell slightly to 4.57 percent in the April-to-June quarter. That's down from 4.63 percent in the January-to-March period and the first drop in four years.

And the percentage of loans receiving their first notice of foreclosure also dipped. That fell to 1.1 percent in the second quarter from 1.2 percent in the first quarter.

Besides forcing people from their homes, foreclosures and distressed home sales have pushed down on home values and crippled the broader housing industry. They have made it difficult for homebuilders to compete with the depressed prices and discouraged potential sellers from putting their homes on the market. □

Stocks slip as caution about
the economy returns

By STEPHEN BERNARD,
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK — Stock indexes moved lower Thursday as a drop in new claims for unemployment benefits wasn't enough to resolve worries about the economy.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 55 points in afternoon trading after getting an early 45-point lift from the weekly unemployment report. Broader indexes also dipped.

The early boost from the positive jobless claims report turned out to be fleeting as investors returned their focus to nagging problems in the economy.

The market's attention is already turning to a speech early Friday by Ben Bernanke to see if the Federal Reserve chairman sheds any light on the conundrum that stock investors are currently wrestling with: How weak is the U.S. economy and will it slide back into recession?

Investors want to "see if the pulse of the Fed is beating at a fast rate with anxiety over the economy," said Peter Cardillo, chief market economist at Avalon Partners Inc.

Bernanke has been extremely cautious in his comments in recent weeks, calling the recovery "unusually uncertain."

Stephen Lieber, chief investment officer at Alpine Mutual Funds, said: "He can't exactly reverse his caution. But he can say there are actions he can take" to promote growth.

The Labor Department said first-time claims for unemployment benefits dropped to 473,000 last week, after jumping above 500,000 for the first time since November a week earlier. Economists were expecting a more modest drop to 490,000, according to Thomson Reuters.

"On the positive side, claims



FILE - In this Aug. 19, 2010 file photo, traders with MND Partners work on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange, in New York. Stock futures rose modestly Thursday, Aug. 26, 2010, but investors were also buying bonds indicating they are cautious ahead of a key weekly reading on unemployment.

(AP Photo/Henny Ray Abrams, file)

came down slightly compared to the shock last week," said Oliver Pursche, executive vice president at Gary Goldberg Financial Services. "That said, the number still remains stubbornly high."

In afternoon trading, the Dow fell 55.10, or 0.5 percent, to 10,004.96. The Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 5.87, or 0.6 percent, to 1,049.46, while the Nasdaq composite index fell 16.75, or 0.8 percent, to 2,124.79.

Falling stocks outpaced rising ones four-to-three on the New York Stock Exchange, where volume came to 550 million shares.

The latest jobless claims report suggests that hiring remains weak. In a healthy economy, weekly claims usually fall below 400,000. At the height of the recession in March 2009, weekly claims peaked at 651,000.

Investors are still worried about a persistently high unemployment rate of 9.5 percent and a general reluctance of employers to hire workers. On the positive side, this week's report marked the first decline after three straight weekly gains.

Bond prices traded in a tight range, further indication investors are nervous about the economy. Investors tend to buy up Treasuries, driving interest rates lower, when they are worried about economic growth.

The yield on the 10-year Treasury note dipped to 2.51 percent from 2.54 percent late Wednesday. Its yield helps set interest rates on mortgages and other consumer loans.

Long-term bond yields are hovering around levels not recorded since early 2009, when the country was in the depths of the recession and stocks hit 12-year lows.

Low interest rates usually help to drive new growth because it makes it cheaper to borrow and buy everything from clothes to cars to houses. However that isn't encouraging shoppers now because they are worried about jobs and opting to save instead.

In corporate news, Dell Inc. said data storage maker 3Par Inc. accepted its raised takeover bid of 1.52 billion, or \$24.30 per share. Dell's revised offer was better than rival Hewlett-Packard Co.'s offer of \$24 per share. □

HEALTH

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Restoring sight with new type of artificial cornea



In this image released by Ottawa Hospital Research Institute, Dr. May Griffith displays a biosynthetic cornea that can be implanted into the eye to repair damage and restore sight in Ottawa, Canada, in 2005. Scientists have created a new kind of artificial cornea, inserting a sliver of collagen into the eye that coaxes its own natural corneal cells to regrow and restore vision.

(AP Photo/Ottawa Hospital Research Institute)

By LAURAN NEERGAARD,
AP Medical Writer

WASHINGTON — Scientists have created a new kind of artificial cornea, inserting a sliver of collagen into the eye that coaxes its own natural corneal cells to regrow and restore vision.

It worked in a first-stage study of 10 patients in Sweden, researchers reported Wednesday. And while larger studies are needed, it's a step toward developing an alternative to standard cornea transplants that aren't available in much of the world because of a shortage of donated corneas.

"We're trying to regenerate the cornea from within," said Dr. May Griffith, senior scientist at the Ottawa Hospital Research Institute in Canada and a professor of regenerative medicine at Linköping University in Sweden.

Vision depends on a healthy cornea, the film-like covering of the eye's surface that helps it focus light. Corneas are fragile, easily harmed

by injury or infection, and about 42,000 people in the U.S. receive transplanted corneas every year. While that's considered an adequate supply in this country, donated corneas aren't available in many countries for the estimated 10 million people worldwide with corneal blindness. Transplants also bring risk of rejection.

In addition, researchers are working to improve plastic-like artificial corneas and to create stem-cell treatments that could spur corneal growth.

The new work, published in the journal *Science Translational Medicine*, is a bioartificial cornea — an attempt to use the same natural substances that make up a real cornea to induce healing.

"I characterize this work as a major advance in the direction that we need to go," said Dr. Alan Carlson, cornea transplant chief at Duke University's eye center, who wasn't involved in the research. To "make this mimic donor tissue to the extent

that your own cells ultimately become incorporated in this tissue, I think that's the most exciting aspect."

A cornea's structure is made up of a tissue called collagen. First, researchers took human collagen grown in yeast, made by San Francisco-based FibroGen Inc., and molded it into a contact lens-looking shape — the scaffolding, essentially, for a cornea.

Then Griffith, working with Linköping University eye surgeon Dr. Per Fagerholm, studied the bioartificial cornea in 10 patients with severe vision loss from damage to a corneal layer. Damaged tissue in one eye was removed, and the new biosynthetic cornea implanted. Soon, cells that line a healthy cornea started growing in the collagen. Tear production normalized, and even corneal nerves regrew, something researchers could test by measuring sensitivity. There was no rejection, and patients didn't need immune-suppressing medication.

Two years later, six of the patients had significantly improved vision with glasses and two were no worse. When implanted with contact lenses that previously they couldn't tolerate, patients saw as well as a similar group of patients who had received standard corneal transplants.

Duke's Carlson cautioned that these weren't full-thickness corneal transplants — the lowest layer of the patients' original corneas wasn't replaced. People with these more upper-layer corneal problems make up about 10 percent of transplant cases, he said, while the bigger hurdle is creating therapy for harder-to-treat full-thickness damage to what's called endothelial cells □

Does Hope Have a Dark Side?

By Dennis Thompson

Imagine suffering from a chronic illness that challenges you every single day. You have aches and pains, difficulty getting around and sometimes suffer from surprising decreases in energy. You take fistfuls of medication for relief and endure countless medical procedures to keep the illness from progressing.

The illness might be physical, such as diabetes, chronic fatigue syndrome or arthritis. Or it might be emotional or psychological, such as anxiety or depression.

Either way, might your life be better if you stopped hoping to cure your condition and simply accepted things as they are?

"Sometimes knowing the adversity you face is permanent makes it easier to face that adversity," said Dr. Peter A. Ubel, a professor of medicine and psychology at the University of Michigan and director of the university's Center for Behavioral and Decision Sciences in Medicine.

Ubel co-authored a study that found that people who'd had a colostomy -- surgery that creates an opening in the abdomen for stool to drain from the body -- but could have the procedure reversed in the future experienced no improvement in life satisfaction over time. But, people who had irreversible colostomies reported increased satisfaction with their quality of life.

It's not a conclusion that's been universally embraced, however. Dr. Ann Berger, chief of pain and palliative care at the U.S. National Institutes of Health Clinical Center in Bethesda, Md., said she believes the finding from the colostomy study only scrapes the surface of what a patient needs to undergo to experience healing from a chronic illness.

"Acceptance is only a very small part of ultimately developing a sense of wholeness in healing from a chronic illness," Berger said.

The study involved 71 colostomy patients, including 30 people with permanent procedures and 41 with reversible procedures. They were all quizzed about their quality of life one week after their release from the hospital and again one month and six months later. Even though both groups of people had the same disability, those who knew their condition was permanent adapted better to their situation over time, Ubel found.

He believes a couple of factors are probably at work here. First, people who hope for a cure that may never come will grow frustrated over time when there is no improvement in their situation.

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"Happiness is not just a matter of circumstances, but also how circumstances compare to your experiences," Ubel said. "If you continue to hold out hope that things will get better, you will feel more frustrated."

Also, Ubel explained, people holding out hope will experience a great deal of "Weltschmerz," a German expression referring to the pain people feel when comparing how life is to how life should be.

"If I'm hoping for something better, then I continually compare my current lot in life to what it could be, and the contrast hurts," Ubel said. "People who have a temporary condition think, 'Why do I have to live with this? I want to be better.' People with a permanent condition think, 'Things aren't perfect, but these are the cards I've been dealt.'"

Berger, on the other hand, thinks people should view the findings from the colostomy patients' experiences "with a grain of salt," in part because the results stem from a small group of study participants.

But in addition, a range of life factors can affect how people deal with a chronic illness, including their psychological state before the illness, their social networks and support systems, and their sense of spirituality, Berger said, and none of those factors were considered in the study.

"A lot of it has to do with people's sense of: 'I have a place and worth in the world. I'm safe and taken care of. I have plans and expectations for my life. I have control over things in my life. I have some kind of secure inner peace,'" she said. "These are things that go on in someone's inner psyche and help in the healing process."

If people have support and a sense of spirituality, she said, they may not be cured but they can be healed. "You need to look at curing versus healing," Berger said. "Cure is cure of an illness. Healing is a feeling of wholeness of an individual."

And the notion of "giving up hope" is flawed, she said. "I don't think that you necessarily give up hope," Berger said. "When you are chronically ill, you may hope for other things. Hope just changes so that rather than hoping for a cure, you hope to get to somebody's wedding or you hope to see the sunset the following day. You don't hope for the same things as hoping for a cure. That's not losing hope. It's very different, and they can still feel healed." □

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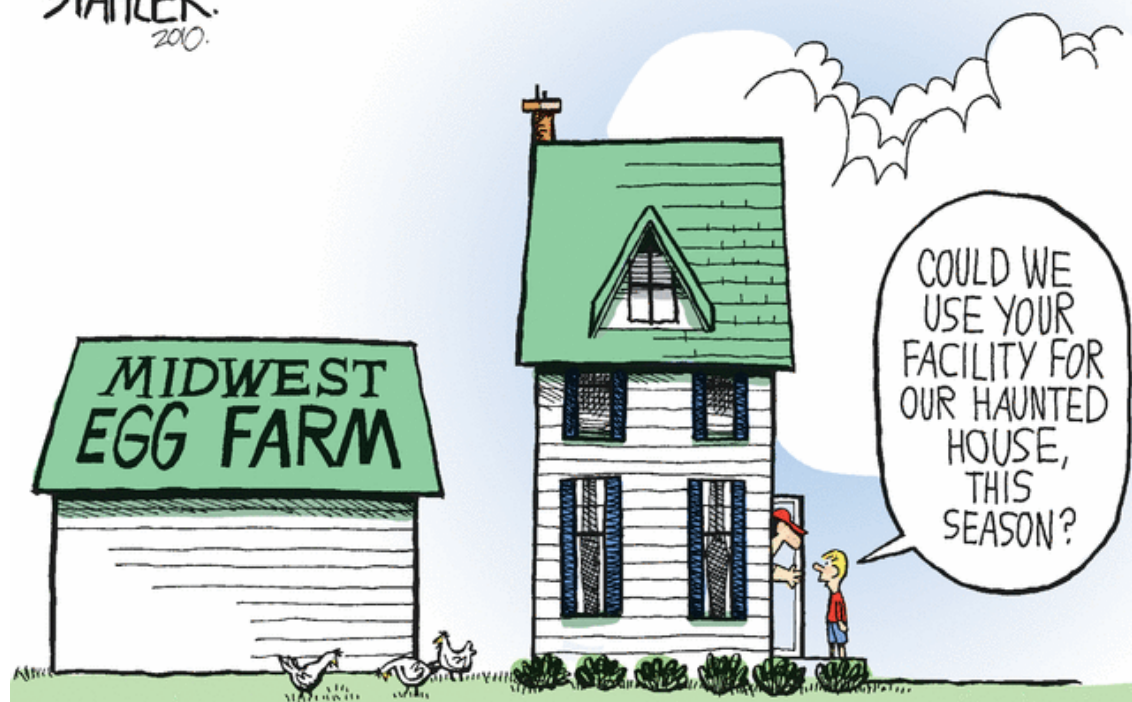


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Price of August naps: history's rudest awakenings

By Walter Rodgers

The world sometimes falls asleep in August. And when it wakes in September it sorely rues the nap. Some of the most consequential events in modern Western history happened in August. Yet many people still think "not much happens" this month. It's understandable. Most of Washington, including Congress, is on vacation in August. So is nearly all of Europe. It's tempting for the centers of power to go on autopilot. And this has sometimes proved to be ruinous.

World War II In August 1914, people were dancing in the streets in Britain and France, rejoicing that their countries were about to go to war with the Central Powers: Germany and the Austro-Hungarian and Ottoman empires. France, Britain, and Belgium were taking on the Kaiser's army on the Western Front. In the east, Germany was invading Russia. The opening battles of World War I, the most disastrous conflict in history to that point, were fought in the eighth month of 1914.

Today, it is inconceivable that Europeans celebrated the outbreak of war. What followed was so catastrophic it reshaped the world for the rest of the century. After the 1918 truce, lasting but 27 years, the world again fell asleep at the switch in August 1939 when Adolf Hitler was mobilizing his army to invade Poland, igniting World War II. Arguably, even with that "between the wars" truce, the guns of August 1914 did not go silent again until August 1945 when the United States detonated two atomic bombs above the Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. In retrospect, it seems those 20th-century conflicts evolved into a modern version of a second Hundred Years' War. Perhaps presidents and prime ministers should seriously consider taking their vacations in any

month except August.

From Kuwait to Al Qaeda Recall that Saddam Hussein invaded Kuwait on Aug. 2, 1990, leading to the much broader Persian Gulf War. And it was on Aug. 6, 2001, that President Bush was given a memo that Al Qaeda was determined to attack inside the United States.

While the hijackers made final preparations, Mr. Bush was in Texas, on vacation for almost the entire month. His contact with then CIA Director George Tenet, who was also "on leave" for part of August, was limited at best. And no one in power connected the dots when it was reported later that month that jihadist Zacarias Moussaoui (now serving life in prison for his role in 9/11), had been trying to learn to fly a Boeing 747.

Had top officials been engaged and sharper that August, the 9/11 attacks might have been prevented, and perhaps today America wouldn't be bogged down in Southwest Asia in what is now the longest war in US history.

Soviet vacations Former Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev surely must wish he'd never taken his vacation in August 1991.

For months, there were signs all about him that the course he set for the Soviet Union was destined to end in a train wreck for the man who, more than any other, was responsible for hastening the end of the cold war. A cabal of hard-line Communists placed one of the most dynamic leaders of the 20th century under house arrest while the Soviet Union teetered on the brink.

The attempted coup that finished Gorbachev politically left us with one of the great unanswered questions of recent times: "What would Russia look like today had Gorbachev, the reformer, been allowed to engineer a peaceful transition from the

dictatorship of Stalin's Communist Party to an orderly democracy or Chinese-style capitalism?" News executives, especially, should ban all August vacations.

As a junior reporter for ABC TV in London in the early 1980s, I was delighted when more-senior correspondents took August vacations. I would get sent to Moscow on the "just in case" assignment, just in case something happened in the soporific eighth month. Happen, it did.

On Aug. 30, 1983, a Boeing 747 took off from JFK Airport in New York on a fateful flight with 269 passengers and crew. After refueling in Anchorage, Korean Airlines Flight 007 flew on through Alaskan airspace and then out over the Pacific. It strayed over the Soviet Kamchatka Peninsula before later returning to international airspace where a pursuing Soviet war plane blasted it out of the air.

To this day, I suspect that had this not occurred in August, when much of the top Soviet leadership was on vacation, a wiser, cooler head than Gen. Valery Kamenski might not have OK'd an act of mass murder.

President Reagan exploited the tragedy to excoriate the Soviet Union, which he hated, calling the incident "an act of barbarism."

It was one of the most volatile moments of the cold war. True, Moscow lied about KAL 007, but the Reagan administration shamelessly used this tragedy to reinforce the president's own virulently anti-Soviet agenda. Reagan did not need to indict 270 million Soviet citizens for what was a huge and tragic August screw-up.

Soldiers are admonished to "Stay alert, stay alive," to which we should add the phrase, "especially in August." □

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México culmina en Venezuela gira regional sobre cambio climático

CARACAS (Reuters) - La canciller de México, Patricia Espinosa, culminó el jueves en Venezuela una gira por Latinoamérica para buscar un consenso regional antes de la cumbre de la ONU sobre cambio climático que albergará el país norteamericano a finales de año.

Espinosa llegó la noche del miércoles procedente de Ecuador y Bolivia para reunirse con el canciller venezolano, Nicolás Maduro. Estos tres Gobiernos fueron los más críticos al Acuerdo de Copenhague del 2009 por no incluir una cláusula para que los países industrializados reduzcan sus emisiones de gases invernadero.

“Hemos coincidido en que es muy importante y urgente que logremos un acuerdo constructivo en Cancún que permita realizar una amplia agenda de acciones en materia de lucha contra el cambio climático”, dijo Espinosa al finalizar la reunión.

“Este intercambio nos ha permitido hacer una evaluación del momento en el que estamos y las acciones que tenemos

que realizar para lograr este acuerdo sustancial”, agregó.

A principios de mes, la funcionaria mexicana visitó Chile, Argentina, Brasil y Colombia con el mismo objetivo. Lograr un consenso con los países de la Alianza Bolivariana para los Pueblos de Nuestra América (ALBA) podría ser más complicado ya que el bloque izquierdista acusa a las naciones ricas de eludir su “deuda climática” y torpedear el acuerdo global sobre el cambio climático que se esperaba conseguir en Copenhague.

“Hemos acordado seguir trabajando muy de cerca para que la cita de Cancún tenga los resultados que la humanidad está esperando”, dijo Maduro. La alianza arrancó en el 2004 con acuerdos bilaterales entre Venezuela y Cuba, y creció a medida que más países como Bolivia, Ecuador y Nicaragua giraron a la izquierda.

A fines de junio, los presidentes del ALBA impulsaron una agenda junto con indígenas de la región para luchar contra el cambio climático.

En abril, Bolivia ya había organizado una cumbre alternativa sobre “los derechos de la madre tierra” que reunió a 20.000 personas entre indígenas, activistas, expertos y público en general.

Tras la reunión se elaboró un documento que será presentado en la cumbre de Cancún, con propuestas como una declaración de derechos de la madre tierra y la creación de un tribunal ambiental mundial como componentes clave de un pacto global para frenar los problemas medioambientales. El Acuerdo de Copenhague firmado en diciembre del 2009 sugirió que las naciones industrializadas recorten para el 2020 sus emisiones en un 25-40 por ciento por debajo de los niveles de 1990 a fin de que el mundo pueda reducir el calentamiento global. Sin embargo, no se logró alcanzar un pacto completo ni legalmente vinculante.

Especialistas piensan que en Cancún tampoco se llegará a acuerdos definitivos, así que tienen puestos los ojos en Rio+20 a llevarse a cabo en el 2012. □



La canciller mexicana, Patricia Espinosa, durante una charla con medios en Caracas, ago 26 2010. REUTERS/Carlos Garcia Rawlins

Presidente Santos espera aumentar cultivos de café

BOGOTA (AP) - El presidente Juan Manuel Santos en un encuentro con la poderosa Federación Nacional de Cafeteros propuso el jueves aumentar en 200.000 hectáreas los cultivos de café del país como forma de generar empleo y utilizar tierras.

Colombia posee al menos 800.000 hectáreas sembradas de café en 588 municipios, poco más de la mitad de los existentes en el país.

Santos no indicó en cuánto tipo se podría dar ese aumento de sembradíos de café, uno de los productos emblemáticos de exportación colombiano.

“Nos pusimos la ambiciosa, pero yo creo que posible, meta de aumentar el área sembradas de café...hemos pensado una meta inicial de 200.000 hectáreas”, dijo Santos. Con el aumento de los cultivos podrían generarse al menos 80.000 empleos directos y 160.000 indirectos, indicó. Colombia, donde existen unas 500.000 familias cafeteras o cultivadoras, exportó el año pasado unos 7,8 millones de sacos de café de 60 kilos, por lo menos 28% menos que los 11,1 millones de sacos exportados en 2008, de acuerdo con datos de la Federación. □

Perú y Panamá inician negociación para pacto de libre comercio

LIMA (Reuters) - Perú y Panamá iniciaron el jueves negociaciones con miras a la firma de un tratado de libre comercio, con el que el presidente peruano, Alan García, espera duplicar el intercambio de bienes e inversiones con el país centroamericano. Las dos naciones abrazan políticas de libre comercio para apuntalar el crecimiento de sus economías, que se expandirían fuertemente este año. En una visita oficial a Perú, el presidente panameño, Ricardo Martinelli, instó a los ministros de Comercio Exterior de ambos países a trabajar con “celeridad” en la ratificación del acuerdo comercial. El tratado “demanda que ustedes lo hagan con bastante celeridad y estoy seguro de que ambos gobiernos van ratificarlo con igual importancia”, afirmó Martinelli en un encuentro en el Palacio de Gobierno de Lima junto a su par peruano.

García, por su parte, precisó que con la firma del tratado de libre comercio (TLC), Perú podría duplicar su intercambio de bienes con Panamá.

El presidente peruano dijo que el intercambio entre los dos países alcanzó un récord de 980 millones de dólares en el 2008.

El mandatario también resaltó que Panamá ha invertido cerca de 1.000 millones de dólares en Perú, principalmente en su vital sector minero y en el rubro agrícola. Perú ya tiene un pacto de libre comercio con Estados Unidos y está próximo a poner en marcha otro suscrito con China, el segundo firmado por el país asiático con una nación latinoamericana, tras Chile.

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